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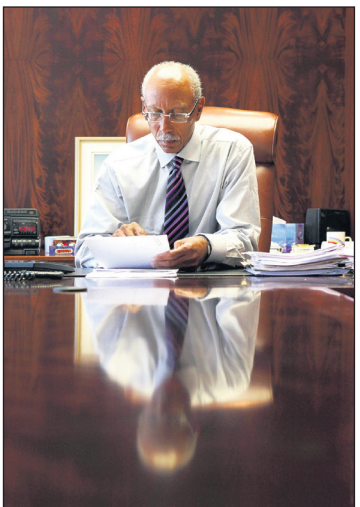


Philadelphia Phillies' Roy Halladay walks back to the dugout after striking out in the ninth inning as Phillies fans give him a standing ovation during their 3-1 victory over the San Diego Padres in a baseball game

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New York Times obtains Guantanamo files

By CHARLIE SAVAGE
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WASHINGTON – A trove of more than 700 classified military documents provides new and detailed accounts of the men who have done time at the Guantanamo Bay prison in Cuba and offers new insight into the evidence against the 172 men still locked up there. Military intelligence officials, in assessments of detainees written between February 2002 and January 2009, evaluated their histories and provided glimpses of the tensions between captors and captives.

What began as a jury-rigged experiment after the Sept. 11, 2001 terrorist attacks now seems like an enduring American institution, and the leaked files show why, by laying bare the patchwork and contradictory evidence that in many cases would never have stood up in criminal court or a military tribunal.

The documents meticulously record the detainees' "pocket litter" when they were captured: a bus ticket to Kabul, a fake passport and forged student ID, a restaurant receipt, even a poem. They list the prisoners' illnesses – hepatitis, gout, tuberculosis, depression. They note their serial interrogations, enumerating – even after six or more years of relentless questioning – remaining "areas of potential exploitation." They describe inmates' infractions – punching guards, tearing apart shower shoes, shouting across cellblocks. And, as analysts try to bolster the case for continued incarceration, they record years of detainees' comments about one another.

The secret documents, made available to The New York Times and several other news organizations, reveal that most of the 172 remaining prisoners have been rated as a "high risk" of posing a threat to the United States and its allies if released without adequate rehabilitation and supervision.

But they also show that an even larger number of the prisoners who have left Cuba – about a third of the 600 already transferred to other countries – were also designated "high risk" before they were freed or passed to the custody of other governments.

The documents are largely silent about the use of the harsh interrogation tactics at Guantanamo – including sleep deprivation, shackling in stress positions and prolonged exposure to cold temperatures – that drew global condemnation. Several prisoners, though, are portrayed as making up false stories about being subjected to abuse.

The government's basic allegations against many detainees have long been public, and have often been challenged by prisoners and their lawyers. But the dossiers, prepared under the Bush administration, provide a deeper look at the frightening, if flawed, intelligence that has persuaded the Obama administration, too, that the prison cannot readily be closed.

Prisoners who especially worried counterterrorism officials included some accused of being assassins for al-Qaida, operatives for a canceled suicide mission and detainees who vowed to their interrogators that they would wreak revenge against America. □

Yemen's opposition deals



Mohammed Qahtan

By LAURA KASINOF
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Yemen's opposition coalition on Monday accepted a proposal for a transfer of power, bringing the country closer to a resolution of months of political turmoil and countless demonstrations calling for President Ali Abdullah Saleh to step down. "We have accepted the gulf proposal on condition that the protests are allowed to continue until Saleh leaves office," said Mohammed Qahtan, a spokesman for the coalition, which is known as the JMP. "Leaders of the JMP met with the American ambassador today, and he confirmed for us that the protests can continue through this month; this is why we agreed to the proposal." However, when Saleh announced, on Saturday, his acceptance of the plan from a six-nation regional bloc known as the Gulf Cooperation Council, his agreement was based on the condition that the protest demonstrations would stop immediately. The proposal, which was put together by the council in consultation with the United States and the EU, was presented to the Yemeni government and the opposition last week. □

Governments consider cuts to once-untouchable pensions



By **MICHAEL COOPER**
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When an arbitrator ruled this month that Detroit could reduce the pensions being earned by its police sergeants and lieutenants, it put the struggling city at the forefront of a growing national debate over whether the pensions of current public workers can or should be reduced. Conventional wisdom, and the laws and constitutions of many states, has long held that the pensions being earned by

current government workers are untouchable. But as the fiscal crisis has lingered, officials in strapped states from California to Illinois have begun to take a second look, to see whether there might be loopholes allowing them to cut the pension benefits of current employees. Now the move in Detroit — made possible, lawyers said, because Michigan's constitutional protections are weaker — could spur other places to try to follow suit.

“These things do tend to be herd-oriented,” said Sylvester J. Schieber, an economist and independent consultant who studies pensions.

The mayors of some hard-hit cities have said that the high costs of pensions have forced them to lay off workers: Oakland, Calif., laid off one-tenth of its police force last year after failing to win concessions on pension costs.

Elsewhere there is pension envy: Some private sector workers, who have learned the hard way that their companies can freeze or reduce pensions going forward, resent that the pensions of public sector workers enjoy stronger legal protections. But government workers, many of whom were recruited with the promise of good benefits and pensions, say that it would be unfair — and in many cases, very likely illegal — to change the rules in the middle of the game.

It has been far more common for cities and states to adopt

more modest retirement plans for future workers. But the savings from new plans are initially small, growing only over time. Other states have gone further, requiring workers to work more years before retiring, or to contribute a higher portion of their salaries toward their pensions. A few states have rolled back cost-of-living increases for retirees, prompting lawsuits. But reducing the rate at which government workers

earn pension benefits — even modestly, as Detroit did — has been rare.

Pension funds can run out of money. In Prichard, Ala., a small city outside of Mobile, the fund ran out in 2009. The city stopped sending pension checks to its 150 retired workers, defying a state law that requires it to pay what it has promised. In the 19 months since the checks stopped, 18 retirees have died while waiting for their money. □



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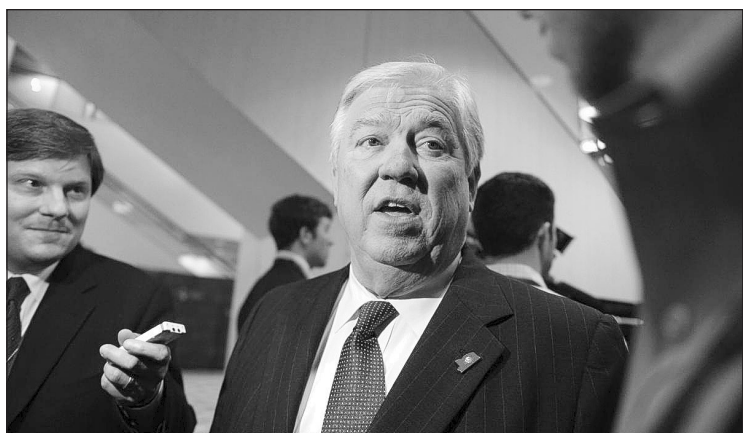


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Mississippi Governor Barbour.

By **JEFF ZELENY**
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WASHINGTON — Gov. Haley Barbour of Mississippi had hired a campaign manager, lined up influential Republican activists in early-voting states and secured commitments from donors across the country, but he surprised them all Monday by announcing that he was abandoning his effort to join the Republican presidential race. In a telephone call to supporters, followed by a brief state-

ment, Barbour said he lacked the "absolute fire in the belly" that a candidacy would require. He apologized for flirting with a presidential bid over the past six months and then backing away, but said he had concluded that he was not ready to dedicate himself to the "all-consuming effort" a campaign would require. "I cannot offer that with certainty," he said, "and total certainty is required." The decision by Barbour, 63, provided the biggest shake-up yet of the

Mississippi Governor

Barbour won't run for president

2012 presidential race. His departure adds another layer of uncertainty to the wide-open fight for the party's nomination and set off a scramble among other candidates seeking to sign up his donors and supporters.

Throughout the spring, Barbour has been traveling to Iowa, New Hampshire and South Carolina, testing his support among Republicans who cast the first votes. But his candidacy faced many challenges.

As a lobbyist, for example, he represented tobacco companies, the pharmaceutical industry and several foreign governments. He sought to sell the experience as an advantage, telling audiences, "I saw the sausage factory up close," but his aides braced

for intense scrutiny.

His decision touched off a new round of speculation about Gov. Mitch Daniels of Indiana, a close friend who is also

weighing the possibility of entering the Republican race. Daniels has said he intends to make a decision as early as next month. □

Representing house GOP

Law firm splits over on marriage act

By **MICHAEL D. SHEAR**
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WASHINGTON — The law firm hired by Republicans in the House of Representatives to defend the constitutionality of the Defense of Marriage Act withdrew Monday amid pressure from gay-rights groups. The decision prompted the resignation of a prominent partner, who said he intended to take the case with him to another law office.

Gay rights groups had criticized the 126-year-old, Atlanta-based law firm, King & Spalding, saying that its agreement to defend the law, which prohibits federal recognition of gay marriages, would hurt its ability to recruit and retain lawyers. The firm's chairman, Robert D. Hays Jr., said in a statement Monday that the firm would no longer defend the law.

"In reviewing this assignment further, I determined that the process used for vetting

this engagement was inadequate," he said. "Ultimately I am responsible for any mistakes that occurred and apologize for the challenges this may have created."

The firm's abrupt reversal highlights the continuing potency of gay marriage as a complicated issue that has scrambled traditional political calculations in Washington. President Barack Obama has often called the marriage act "abhorrent," but his Justice Department defended it for more than a year before declaring it unconstitutional. Attorney General Eric H. Holder Jr. announced in February that the administration would no longer defend the act in court. Paul D. Clement, the King & Spalding lawyer hired to lead the Republican case, resigned after his firm's decision to withdraw. In a letter, Clement said the firm had a duty to resist pressure and complete the job for which it was hired. □



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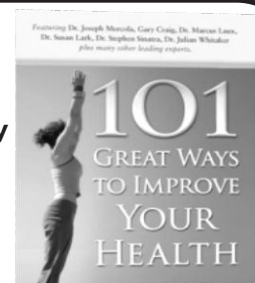
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Judge's gay partner raised in Proposition 8 case



In this photo taken Nov. 19, 2010, Chief District Judge Vaughn R. Walker, of the Northern District of California, speaks at a legal conference in Seattle.

By **LISA LEFF**
Associated Press

SAN FRANCISCO — Proponents of California's same-sex marriage ban filed a motion Monday seeking to vacate the historic ruling that overturned Proposition 8 because the federal judge who wrote it is in a long-term relationship with another man.

Lawyers for the ban's backers said that Chief U.S. District Judge Vaughn Walker should have removed himself from

the case, or at least disclosed his relationship status, to avoid a real or perceived conflict of interest. "Only if Chief Judge Walker had unequivocally disavowed any interest in marrying his partner could the parties and the public be confident that he did not have a direct personal interest in the outcome of the case," attorneys for the coalition of religious and conservative groups that put Proposition 8 on the November 2008 ballot wrote.

They are now asking the judge who inherited the case when Walker retired at the end of February to toss out Walker's August 2010 decision. The 9th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals already is reviewing its legal merits at the request of the voter-approved measure's sponsors.

Walker has said that he did not consider his sexual orientation to be any more a reason for re-

cusual than another judge's race or gender normally would be. A spokeswoman said Monday that the judge wouldn't comment on the motion.

American Foundation for Equal Rights President Chad Griffin, whose group has funded the legal effort to strike down Proposition 8, scoffed at the notion that the judge's personal life could imperil his ruling. Griffin noted that the

Obama administration recently had decided to stop defending the federal law that bans recognition of same-sex marriage after determining that it, too, was unconstitutional.

"This motion is another in a string of desperate and absurd motions by the proponents of Proposition 8, who refuse to accept that the freedom to marry is a Constitutional right," he said. □

In New Mexico

Woman mauled to death by pit bulls

SANTA FE, New Mexico — A woman has been mauled to death by a pack of four pit bulls in the town of Truth or Consequences, New Mexico, authorities said on Monday.

Margaret Salcedo, 48, was walking alone when the dogs, which had escaped from a fenced yard at a private home, attacked her at an intersection on Sunday afternoon, Truth or Consequences Police Chief Patrick Gallagher said. A passerby in a car opened his door to intervene, but he stayed in the vehicle when a dog charged him, police said.

"The officer arrived on the scene in less than three minutes, but it must have felt like an eternity to the poor woman being attacked," Gallagher told Reuters. One of the dogs charged the

officer, who shot and injured the animal, police said. All four dogs ran off, and the officer administered first aid to the wounded woman.

Salcedo was bitten on all her extremities and lost a lot of blood, Gallagher said. She was taken to a hospital, where she died within hours, he said.

The dogs were later located, and the animal that had been shot was dead from its injuries.

The other three dogs were taken to an animal shelter, but authorities said they will not make a determination on whether to destroy them until the conclusion of their investigation.

The dogs belonged to a couple named John and Maria Hardiman, who were not present during the attack, police said. □

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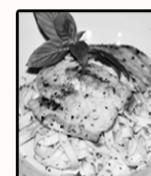
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NY jurors can't see graphs again in insider case

By TOM HAYS
Associated Press

NEW YORK — Jurors on Monday considered the fate of a hedge fund founder accused of making tens of millions of dollars through insider trading after a judge reminded them that they can rehear any of the dozens of taped conversations between the defendant and his friends.

Deliberations began at noon Monday as the trial of Raj Rajaratnam entered its eighth week. They ended for the day four hours later after jurors asked to see some defense exhibits that they didn't know they already have in binders and some graphs prosecutors showed them during closings, which they can't see again because they're not exhibits.

Before they were sent away to deliberate, jurors were instructed on the law by U.S. District Judge Richard J.

Holwell, who said they could choose to listen to the secretly taped conversations that prosecutors say represented the first extensive use of wiretaps in an insider trading case.

The conversations have given jurors a colorful dose of the go-big-or-go-home mentality at Wall Street firms, including the offices where the 53-year-old Rajaratnam made his name and enough money to be listed for a time among the world's richest billionaires.

Now the jury must determine whether the conduct caught on tape was criminal. Regardless of its decision, the highly publicized audio evidence alone seems certain to make an impression on high-stakes financiers and how they do business.

The wiretaps should "scare the hell out of anyone thinking about doing insider trading," said Ed Novak, a veteran

white-collar defense attorney in Phoenix.

Federal prosecutors in New York played nearly 50 tapes of conversations between the defendant and fellow portfolio managers, analysts and executives at public companies, including some who have pleaded guilty to charges that they tipped him off.

Prosecutors accuse Rajaratnam, who was arrested in October 2009, of making at least \$68 million by trading illegally after he started his now-defunct family of hedge funds, the Galleon Group, more than a decade ago.

Assistant U.S. Attorney Jonathan Streeter said in final rebuttal closing arguments Monday that the defense wanted the jury to defy logic, reality and common sense and to ignore wiretaps, cooperating witnesses and a pattern of trading securities that points



Billionaire co-founder of Galleon Group Raj Rajaratnam enters Manhattan federal court, Monday, April 25, 2011, in New York.

(AP Photo/ Louis Lanzano)

to guilt.

Defense attorney John Dowd told the Manhattan federal jurors in closing arguments last week that what they hear on the tapes is nothing more than

his client discussing stock outlooks that were widely known among professional traders who pay attention to every scrap of information on the securities they follow. □

Prosecutors review charges in attack at McDonald's

ROSEDALE, Md. — Baltimore County prosecutors are reviewing whether further charges, including hate crimes counts, are warranted in an attack on a transgender woman at a McDonald's that was caught on video, authorities said Monday.

The review of the April 18 beating also will determine whether others will be charged, State's Attorney Scott Shellenberger said Monday.

The video posted online shows a woman being attacked outside the restroom of the restaurant in Rosedale and apparently having a seizure. Teonna Monae Brown, 18, was arrested Friday and charged with first- and second-degree assault. A 14-year-old girl has been charged as a juvenile.

The woman beaten, 22-year-old Chrissy Lee Polis, told The Baltimore Sun that before she was attacked she heard a teen say Polis was a man using the women's restroom and accused

Polis of talking to her man. The 14-year-old told police that she and Brown fought with Polis over using the restroom, according to charging documents.

Vicky Thoms said she walked into the restaurant to find the two teens beating Polis. No one was helping the woman and one bystander was even recording the attack with his cell phone camera, she said. When she stepped up and asked the girls to stop, Thoms ended up getting punched in the face herself, she said.

"She hit me like a man would hit and she was 14 years old," she said.

Afterward, a man behind the counter asked Thoms if she realized that the person being beaten was a not a woman and was transgendered.

"I told him, 'No I didn't and I don't care,'" she said. "He said he worked with her and she had a smart mouth — in other words, she deserved it." □

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Houston doctors say Giffords can attend launch



This undated file photo provided by the office of Rep. Gabrielle Giffords, shows her, left, with her husband, NASA astronaut Mark Kelly.

By RAMIT PLUSHNICK
Associated Press

HOUSTON – Arizona Congresswoman Gabrielle Giffords is set to reach an important milestone this week when she ventures from her Houston rehabilitation hospital for the first time to watch her astronaut husband rocket into space history.

Giffords and her doctors set

the Cape Canaveral, Fla., trip as a goal early on in her rehabilitation. It was the hope of her husband, Mark Kelly, too as he trained to lead NASA's next-to-last space shuttle flight. On Monday, doctors at TIRR Memorial Hermann hospital confirmed the congresswoman will fly to Florida to watch Kelly command the space shuttle Endeavour when

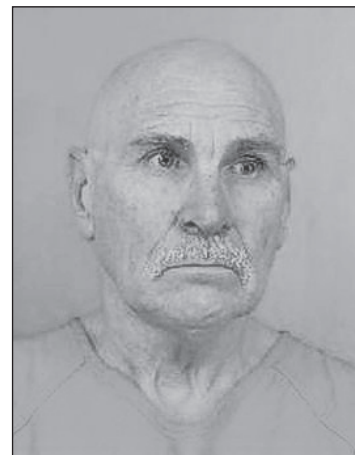
it makes its final flight to the International Space Station.

The doctors said Giffords is "medically able" to travel and that they view the trip as part of her rehabilitation from a Jan. 8 gunshot wound to the head. The congresswoman was wounded in a mass shooting that killed six people in Tucson, Ariz.

It seems an extraordinary accomplishment now, that she would be able to attend the liftoff and that Kelly would feel comfortable leaving her side to fly into space. The launch is set Friday afternoon, and President Barack Obama and his wife and two daughters will be there too. However, it's unclear whether they'll sit with Giffords.

Kelly reported his wife said "awesome" and fist-pumped when doctors told her she could attend the launch, according to a transcript of an interview with CBS's Katie Couric that will be broadcast Monday on the Evening News. □

Colorado mall likely unrelated to Columbine



This undated photo released by the Denver FBI shows Earl Albert Moore. Authorities say they're searching for Moore, 65, in connection with the attempted attack on Southwest Plaza Mall in Littleton, Colo.

By P. SOLOMON BANDA
Associated Press

LITTLETON, Colo. – An apparent attempted bombing at a Colorado shopping mall likely was not related to the 12-year anniversary of the shootings at nearby Columbine High School, according

to the FBI.

Investigators have found a motive but aren't releasing additional information, FBI Denver spokesman Dave Joly said Monday.

The agency on Sunday alerted field offices covering all 50 states and Puerto Rico to be on the lookout for Earl Albert Moore, 65.

Moore has been named the suspect in Wednesday's fire at Southwest Plaza Mall, about two miles from Columbine, where 12 students and a teacher were killed in 1999.

Authorities discovered a pipe bomb and two propane tanks after the fire, raising fears from Jefferson County Sheriff Ted Mink that the incident was timed to coincide with the anniversary.

"It is unlikely that the events of 4/20/11 are related to any other incident that may have occurred on that date, previously," Joly said. □

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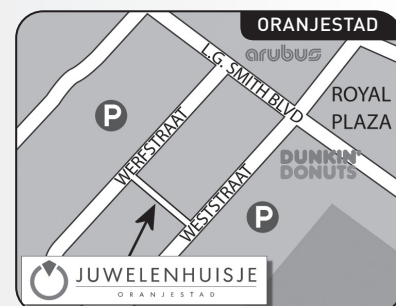
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or more, allowing players to amass additional tickets with very hand-paid jackpot.

The event on Sunday night was also visited by a lovely pair of Easter Bunnies, serving chocolate eggs and posing for pictures. The Impak band entertained all night playing Caribbean Soca & Reggae music, compelling patrons to dance!

In our pictures, unforgettable fun moments from the car give away, and a number of consolation prizes including an iPad. Casino Manager Michel Croes reports another new car will be offered to slot players within the next two week.

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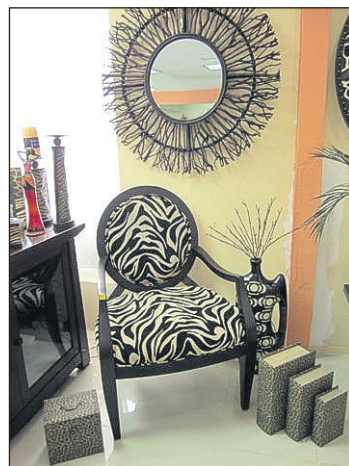


Tropic Cas offers an outstanding selection of quality furniture lines



EAGLE — Co-owners of Tropic Cas Mary Perez & Esther Erasmus Perez are two high-energy entrepreneurs. Their beautiful store on Schotlandstraat, Eagle, stocks a variety of quality furniture lines and home furnishings, as well as artwork and accents.

Mary & Esther have been successful in attracting many clients, especially among those buying condominium apartments in developments such as Tierra del Sol, Golf Coast and Oceania. But they have also had a strong presence in the local



market, carrying many fine styles of living room, den and dining room furniture.

International brands such as Klaussner, Wicker & Rattan by Tribor, Sitcom Universal Furniture & Lea Youth Specialists have made many of their customers very happy.



While tending to their client home-owners, the sisters saw a great need in the market and following a bit of research decided to undertake a new mega challenge, that of importing linens, bedding and bedroom furniture to the island.

They are presently busy adding a new a-la Pier 1 Imports wing, to their existing store. The fresh addition will help locals, condo and home owners dress up their bedrooms, offering quality linen, in a great variety of color and sizes.

Tropic Cas is nicely merchandised and every corner of the store is attractively color-coordinated and theme-oriented. The Savage African Jungle theme is in-style again this year, the sisters report, including leopard skin upholstery patterns and African carvings. Mirrors are very strong decorative elements and the store stocks them in every shape. Leather couches especially the L shaped ones have been very popular here, mostly among locals, who also love


the micro-fiber upholstery which repels liquid and dirt and promotes furniture long-life. Tropic-Cas is inviting every day, but on Friday afternoon it is extra appealing, as the sisters serve their customers wine and snacks while they shop. Drop in anytime and see for yourself why Tropic Cas has amassed such a great number of fans, and why it is considered Aruba's best furniture store. □

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The décor and the colors of the new spa, on the second floor of the Palm Beach Plaza Mall are very soothing, designed to inspire relaxation and peace of mind.



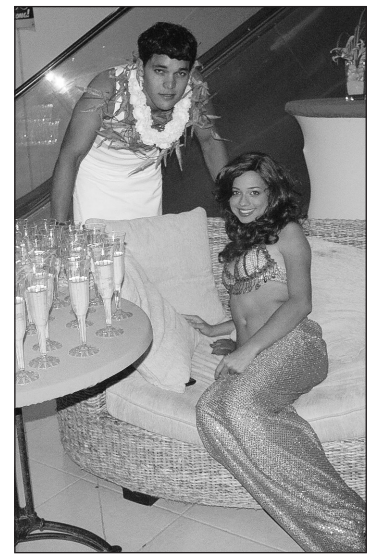
Among treatments available the exciting All-Out-Diva Manicure which includes an elaborate hand "facial"; All-Out-Diva Pedicure which included exfoliation and a cool foot masque; a menu of services for men, including manicure, pedicures, haircuts and facials, and a list of services for kids.

The Aqua Spa services embrace a number of massage

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The Aqua Facials are designed to target different needs, including Anti-Aging, Anti-Stress and Eye Care Lifting, in addition to Hair Removal and Waxing for Men.

The spa opening party was



nicely decorated, also presenting a lovely mermaid offering aqua-colored cocktails and catering by Kokomos. Many of the plaza's tenants came to the party to congratulate the Kellys on the occasion including family members and friends.

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Chernobyl widows mourn as bell tolls 25 times

By MARIA DANILOVA

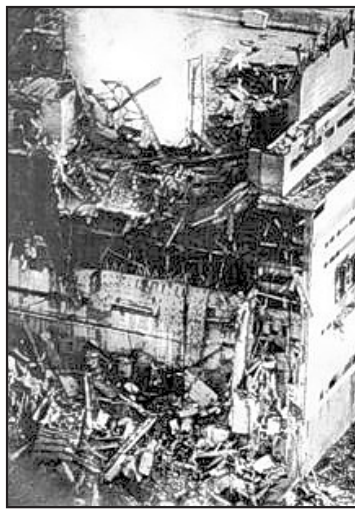
Associated Press

KIEV, Ukraine — Black-clad Orthodox priests sang solemn hymns, Ukrainians lit thin wax candles and a bell tolled 25 times for the number of years that have passed since the Chernobyl disaster as the world began marking the anniversary Tuesday of the worst nuclear accident in history.

Russian Orthodox Patriarch Kirill led the nighttime service near a monument to firefighters and cleanup workers who died soon after the accident from acute radiation poisoning.

“The world had not known a catastrophe in peaceful times that could be compared to what happened in Chernobyl,” said Kirill, who was accompanied by Ukraine’s Prime Minister Mykola Azarov and other officials.

“It’s hard to say how this catastrophe would have ended if it hadn’t been for the people, including those whose names we have just remembered in prayer,” he said in an emotional tribute to the workers sent to the Chernobyl plant immediately after one of its reactors exploded to try to



A unique photo of the 4th destroyed reactor of the Chernobyl nuclear power plant made by the plant’s photographer Anatoliy Rasskazov in the first hours after the deadly April 26 1986 explosion. A highly radioactive vapor trail seen coming from the heart of the destroyed reactor. He died in 2010 of Chernoby-related cancer.

(AP Photo/Anatoliy Rasskazov)

contain the contamination.

Tuesday’s service began at 1:23 a.m. (2123 GMT), the time of the blast on April 26, 1986, that spewed a cloud of radioactive fallout over much of Europe and forced hundreds of thousands from their homes in the most heavily hit areas in Ukraine, Belarus and western Russia.

The explosion released about 400 times more radiation than the U.S. atomic bomb dropped over Hiroshima. Hundreds of thousands were sickened and once-pristine forests and farmland still remain contaminated. The U.N.’s World Health Organization said at a conference in Kiev last week that among the 600,000 people most heavily exposed to the radiation, 4,000 more cancer deaths than average are expected to be eventually found.

Several hundred Ukrainians, mostly widows of plant workers and those sent in to deal with the disaster, came to Tuesday’s service to pay their respects to their loved ones and colleagues. Teary-eyed, they lit candles, stood in silence and crossed themselves to the sound of Orthodox chants.

“Our lives turned around 360 degrees,” said Larisa Demchenko, 64. She and her husband both worked at the plant, and he died nine years ago from cancer linked to Chernobyl radiation.

“It was a wonderful town, a wonderful job, wonderful people. It was our youth. Then it all collapsed,” she said. □

Over half of Egypt wants end to Israel peace

By PAUL SCHEMM

Associated Press

CAIRO — More than half of all Egyptians would like to see the 1979 peace treaty with Israel annulled, according to results of a poll conducted by the U.S.-based Pew Research Center released Monday.

The poll highlights the deep unpopularity of the three-decade-old treaty, which is central to U.S. policy in the region and was scrupulously adhered to by former President Hosni Mubarak, until his Feb. 11 ouster.

The poll also revealed that most Egyptians are optimistic about where the country is headed following the 18-day popular uprising that brought down the president, and they look forward to greater democracy in their country.

The fall of Egypt’s autocratic leader and the rise of a more democratic system, however, could threaten relations with



Egyptian children with the Egyptian flag painted on their faces attend a weekly anti-Mubarak demonstration in Tahrir Square in Cairo, Egypt, Friday, April 22, 2011.

(AP Photo/Khalil Hamra)

neighboring Israel.

According to the poll results, only 36 percent of Egyptians are in favor of maintaining the treaty, compared with 54 percent who would like to see it scrapped. Despite the decades of peace and limited trade between the two countries, most Egyptian view the Israelis

poorly, largely because of perceptions that they mistreat the Palestinians. Opinions varied according to income, with 60 percent of lower income Egyptians supporting the treaty’s cancellation while only 45 percent of the wealthier classes thinking it should be done away with. □

NATO strike on Gadhafi HQ raises pressure on him



Supporters of Moammar Gadhafi react following an air-strike in Tripoli, Libya.

By KARIN LAUB

Associated Press

TRIPOLI, Libya — The latest NATO airstrike on Moammar Gadhafi’s compound that reduced parts of it to a smoldering ruin steps up pressure on the increasingly embattled Libyan leader as he struggles to hold onto the western half of the country.

A Libyan government spokesman denounced Monday’s bombing as a failed assassination attempt, saying the 69-year-old leader was healthy, “in high spirits” and carrying on business as usual.

A separate airstrike elsewhere in Tripoli targeted Libyan TV and temporarily knocked it off the air, a government spokesman said, speaking on condition of anonymity because he was not authorized to brief reporters.

Since an armed uprising erupted in mid-February, Gadhafi has been clinging to control in the western half of Libya, while opposition forces run most of the east. A NATO campaign of airstrikes has sought to break a battlefield stalemate, and the U.S. last week added armed U.S. Predator drones to the mission. Italy said Monday its military will join in strategic bombing raids in Libya.

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NATO said its latest airstrike sought to destroy a communications headquarters used to coordinate attacks on civilians. A spokesman for the alliance said it is increasingly targeting facilities linked to Gadhafi’s regime.

“We have moved on to those command and control facilities

that are used to coordinate such attacks by regime forces,” the spokesman said of the strike on Bab al-Aziziya, which was hit last month, early in the NATO air campaign. The official spoke on condition of anonymity in line with military briefing regulations.

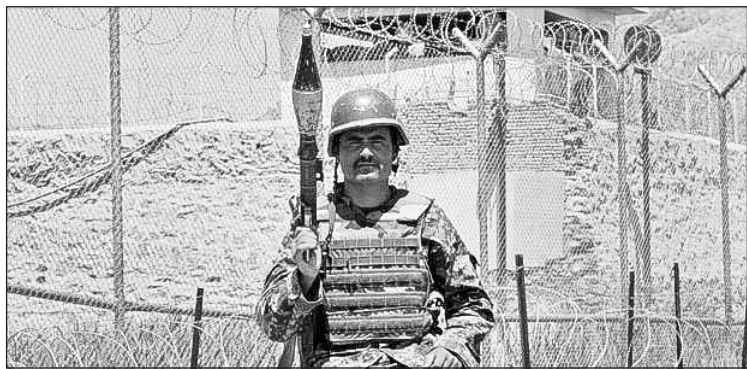
Gadhafi’s forces unleashed new shelling Monday on Misrata that killed at least 10 people, following a weekend pounding that belied government claims its troops were holding their fire as they withdrew from the western city that has been besieged for nearly two months.

Among the dead from a shattered residential neighborhood was an entire family, according to a doctor in Misrata. Mourners later carried six crudely constructed coffins of family members, plus one child who had been visiting, to a funeral near a mosque.

Local hospitals have been overwhelmed by the rising casualties. “As soon as we clear out the hospital of injuries, Gadhafi fills it up for us again,” said the doctor, speaking on condition of anonymity for fear of reprisal.

The assault on Misrata, which has claimed hundreds of lives, has deepened Gadhafi’s international isolation. □

Taliban tunnel more than 480 out of Afghan prison



Afghan soldier stands guard outside the main prison in Kandahar, south of Kabul, Afghanistan.

By MIRWAIS KHAN
Associated Press

KANDAHAR, Afghanistan – During the long Afghan winter, Taliban insurgents were apparently busy underground.

The militants say they spent more than five months building a 1,050-foot tunnel to the main prison in southern Afghanistan, bypassing government checkpoints, watch towers and concrete barriers topped with razor wire. The diggers finally poked through Sunday and spent 4 1/2 hours ferrying away more than 480 inmates without a shot being fired, according to the Taliban and Afghan officials. Most of the prisoners were Taliban militants. Accounts of the extraordinary prison break, carried out in the dead of night, suggest collusion with prison guards, officials or both. Following a recent wave of assassinations here, the breakout underscores the weakness of the Afghan government in the south despite an influx of international troops, funding and advisers. It also highlights the spirit and resourcefulness of the Taliban despite months of battlefield setbacks.

Officials at Sarposa prison in Kandahar city, the one-time Taliban capital, say they discovered the breach at

about 4 a.m. Monday, a half-hour after the Taliban say they had gotten all the prisoners safely to a house at the other end of the tunnel. Government officials corroborated parts of the Taliban account. They confirmed the tunnel was dug from a house within shooting distance of the prison and that the inmates had somehow gotten out of their locked cells and disappeared into the night. Kandahar remains relatively warm even during winter and the ground would not have frozen while insurgents were digging the tunnel.

Police showed reporters the roughly hewn hole that was punched through the cement floor of the prison cell. The opening was about 3 feet (1 meter) in diameter, and the tunnel dropped straight down for about 5 feet (1.5 meters) and then turned in the direction of the house where it originated.

But access was denied to the tunnel itself, and it was unclear how the Taliban were able to move so many men out of the prison so quickly. Also unclear was why guards would not have heard the diggers punch through the cement floor, and whether they supervise the inside of the perimeters at night.

A man who claimed he helped organize those inside the prison told The Associated

Press in a phone call that he and his accomplices obtained copies of the keys for the cells ahead of time from "friends." He did not say who those friends were.

"There were four or five of us who knew that our friends were digging a tunnel from the outside," said Mohammad Abdullah, who said he had been in Sarposa prison for two years after being captured in nearby Zhari district with a stockpile of weapons. "Some of our friends helped us by providing copies of the keys. When the time came at night, we managed to open the doors for friends who were in other rooms."

He said the diggers broke

through Sunday morning and that the inmates in the cell covered the hole with a prayer rug until the middle of the night, when they started quietly opening the doors of cells and ushering prisoners in small groups into the tunnel. He said they woke the inmates up four or five at a time to sneak them out quietly. They also didn't want too many people crawling through the narrow and damp tunnel at one time because of worries that they would run out of oxygen, Abdullah said.

The AP reached Abdullah on a phone number supplied by a Taliban spokesman. His account could not immediately be verified.

The Taliban statement said it took 4 1/2 hours for all the prisoners to clear the tunnel, with the final inmates emerging into the house at 3:30 a.m. They then used a number of vehicles to shuttle the escaped convicts to secure locations. Reporters were not allowed into that building, but officials pointed out the mud-walled compound with a brown gate and shops on either side. The city's police mounted a massive search operation for the escaped convicts. They shot and killed two inmates who tried to evade capture and re-arrested another 26, said Tooryalai Wesa, the provincial governor. □



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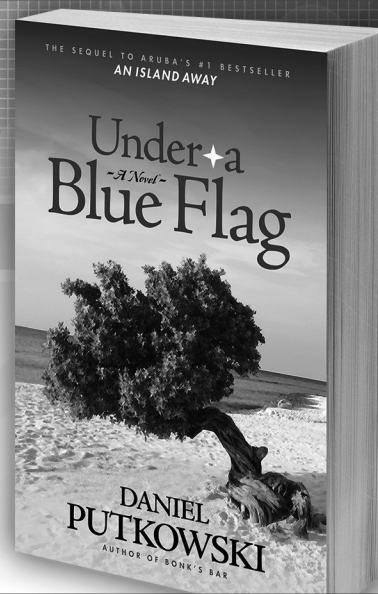


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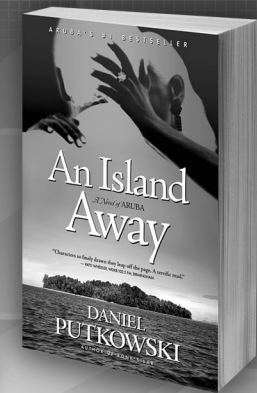
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Haiti delays certification of 19 legislative races

By TRENTON DANIEL
Associated Press

PORT-AU-PRINCE, Haiti — International observers began examining contested tallies from 19 legislative races Monday shortly after Haitian officials announced they would delay certification of results of last month's runoff election.

Colin Granderson, head of the election observer mission for Organization of American States and the Caribbean Community bloc, said a team of monitors was sifting through the results.

"We're doing an analysis of the decisions taken by the electoral tribunal," Granderson told The Associated Press.

Scrutiny of the results comes

after U.S. diplomats said last week they wanted a public explanation of how 17 Chamber of Deputies candidates and one Senate candidate were declared winners by Haiti's election commission with far more votes than they had when preliminary returns were announced April 4.

The U.S. Embassy in Port-au-Prince said the legitimacy of the legislative races would be up in the air if Haitian officials didn't explain the results.

The United Nations, which has a peacekeeping force in Haiti, also expressed concerns.

In a Monday statement, Gaillot Dorsinvil, president of Haiti's election commission, said the panel would delay publishing the results for 19



Supporters of Saint Fleur Almetis Junior, a candidate for the Chamber of Deputies, protest the decision by the Provisional Electoral Council to delay the final results of the runoff election in Cite Soleil, Port-au-Prince, Haiti, Monday April 25, 2011. International observers began examining contested tallies from 19 legislative races Monday shortly after Haitian officials announced they would delay certification of results of last month's runoff election.

legislative races in the March 20 runoff "for the sake of transparency and in the best

interests of the nation."

Dorsinvil didn't disclose any details about the 19th contested race, which was in addition to the 18 questioned by U.N. and U.S. diplomats. Granderson identified the 19th contest as a second Senate contest.

The new results announced last week gave the political party of outgoing President Rene Preval 46 of the 99 seats in the Chamber of Deputies and an absolute majority in the Senate with 17 of 30 seats. That kind of presence in parliament would give Preval's Unity party greater control over key government decisions, including who is approved as the next prime minister, Haiti's No. 2 official. On Monday, Unity protests set up flaming barricades in a Port-au-Prince slum, calling for the election results to be respected. U.N. peacekeepers later extinguished the fires.

"We won't lose our vote," Unity deputy candidate Daniel Saint-Hilaire said.

Saint-Hilaire, whose bid for a seat was one of those in question, won 49 percent of the votes in the runoff, according to the results announced last week. Preliminary results had shown him in second with 45 percent of the vote, compared to 51 percent for his rival.

The legislative elections were held alongside Haiti's presidential runoff, and pop singer Michel "Sweet Micky" Martelly was declared the official winner for the nation's top post last week in a landslide win. Martelly, a first-time politician, is scheduled to be inaugurated May 14.

Martelly, who is not a member of Unity, called for an investigation into the election results during a visit to Washington last week. The U.S. and members of the international community financed the elections.

Since the final results were announced, sporadic protests have also popped up in the countryside. An arson attack killed one person and injured three last week in a town near the border with the Dominican Republic. An official with the Boston-based Partners in Health aid group said the attack was "certainly associated" with election results while cautioning that the group was not aware of an exact motive.

Haitian national police spokesman Frantz Lerebours has said he had no knowledge of the attack. □

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Yemen troops kill 2 in new clashes with protesters

By AHMED AL-HAJ
 Associated Press

SANAA, Yemen – Forces loyal to Yemen's embattled president opened fire on protesters demanding his ouster Monday, killing two and wounding dozens at various protests, activists said.

The latest violence came as a Gulf Arab proposal for President Ali Abdullah Saleh to step down appears increasingly doomed, raising prospects of more bloodshed and instability in a nation already beset by deep poverty and conflict.

Yemen's unrest erupted over two months ago, inspired by uprisings in Tunisia and Egypt. The near-daily protests against Saleh, the country's ruler of 32 years, have demanded he relinquish power immediately.

Monday's deaths came during protests in the cities of Ibb and Bayda, said activist Ibrahim al-Budani.

In the city of Ibb, 120 miles (190 kilometers) south of the capital Sanaa, demonstrators set fire to two cars used by government-paid thugs who shot at them but the attackers managed to flee, he said.

In the southern city of Taiz, presidential guard troops, who are run by Saleh's eldest

son, fired bullets and tear gas into tens of thousands of protesters gathered there, according to activist Nouh al-Wafi.

Dr. Sadeq al-Shujae of Taiz said more than 41 protesters were wounded when police opened fire and six people had to undergo critical operations. Al-Wafi said the protesters were rallying for Saleh's ouster with a simple chant: "Leave!" He said the troops prevented ambulances from getting to the wounded, and that several people and local journalists were arrested.

Also Monday, some six demonstrators were hurt by plainclothes police and thugs who threw stones at a huge rally in the capital Sanaa, according to Abdul-Malek al-Youssefi, an activist and protest organizer.

On Saturday, Saleh agreed to a formula by a Gulf Arab group, the Gulf Cooperation Council, for him to transfer power to his vice president within 30 days of a deal being signed in exchange for immunity from prosecution for him and his sons.

A coalition of seven opposition parties generally accepted the deal but thousands on Sunday remained in a permanent protest camp in Sanaa, and their leaders said they



Anti-government protestors shout slogans during a demonstration demanding the resignation of Yemeni President Ali Abdullah Saleh, in Sanaa, Yemen, on Monday.

suspected the president is just maneuvering to buy time and cling to power, as he has done in the past.

The protesters claim the opposition parties taking part in the talks with the GCC media-

tors do not represent them and cannot turn off the rage on the streets. They also insist they would not accept anything short of Saleh's immediate departure.

Saleh has managed to survive

politically thanks in part to the loyalty of the country's best military units, which are controlled by one of his sons and other close relatives, and despite defections by many close allies in his party, his tribe and some military units. More than 130 people have been killed by security forces and Saleh supporters since the unrest erupted in early February. At least 40 were killed in a single attack on March 18 by rooftop snipers overlooking protesters in Sanaa.

The GCC countries, including powerful Saudi Arabia, have been trying to broker an end to the crisis, fearing the potential blowback of more instability in the fragile country on the southern tip of the Arabian Peninsula that also hosts an active branch of al-Qaida. □

Italy to take part in bombing raids over Libya

ROME – Italy will take part in strategic bombing raids in NATO's Libya mission, Italian Premier Silvio Berlusconi said Monday, following a phone call with United States President Barack Obama. Berlusconi's office said in a statement that Italy had decided to beef up its military action in Libya to better contribute to protecting civilians. Italy had previously said it

would not participate in airstrikes against Libyan targets, given its 40-year colonial rule over the country, but in Monday's statement it said it had decided to increase its "operational flexibility."

The statement stressed that Italian airstrikes would only be against "specific military objectives."

Berlusconi will discuss Italy's decision with French

President Nicolas Sarkozy in Rome on Tuesday, the statement said.

Italian aircraft and navy ships had previously only been involved in Nato's Libya mission for refueling and other operations.

Rebels have complained that NATO-led firepower hasn't been sufficient to help them advance against Moammar Gadhafi's forces. □

The big disconnect



By **DAVID BROOKS**

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On one level, American politics looks amazingly stable. President Barack Obama's approval rating is about 47 percent, and it hasn't changed much in well over a year. Health care reform is mildly unpopular, and the public's view hasn't shifted much since before it was passed. According to Pew Research Center polls, the public is evenly divided over which party can do a better job of handling foreign policy, the job situation, Social Security reform, health care reform and many other issues. It looks like we're back to the 50-50 stasis that has been the norm for the past few decades. Moreover, the two parties are about to run utterly familiar political campaigns. The Democrats are going to promise to raise taxes on the rich to preserve the welfare state, just as they have since 1980. The Republicans are going to vow to cut taxes and introduce market mechanisms to reform the welfare state, just as they have since 1980.

The country is about to be offered the same two products: one from Soviet Production Facility A (the Republicans), and the other from Soviet Production Facility B (the Democrats). It will react just as it always has.

From this you could easily get the impression that American politics are trundling along as usual. But this stability is misleading. The current arrangements are stagnant but also fragile. American politics is like a boxing match atop a platform. Once you're on the platform, everything looks normal. But when you step back, you see that the beams and pillars supporting the platform are cracking and rot-

ting.

This cracking and rotting is originally caused by a series of structural problems that transcend any economic cycle: There are structural problems in the economy as growth slows and the middle class incomes stagnate. There are structural problems in the welfare state as baby boomers spend lavishly on themselves and impose horrendous costs on future generations. There are structural problems in energy markets as the rise of China and chronic instability in the Middle East leads to volatile gas prices. There are structural problems with immigration policy and tax policy and on and on.

As these problems have gone unaddressed, Americans have lost faith in the credibility of their political system, which is the one resource the entire regime is predicated upon. This loss of faith has contributed to a complex but dark national mood. The country is anxious, pessimistic, ashamed, helpless and defensive.

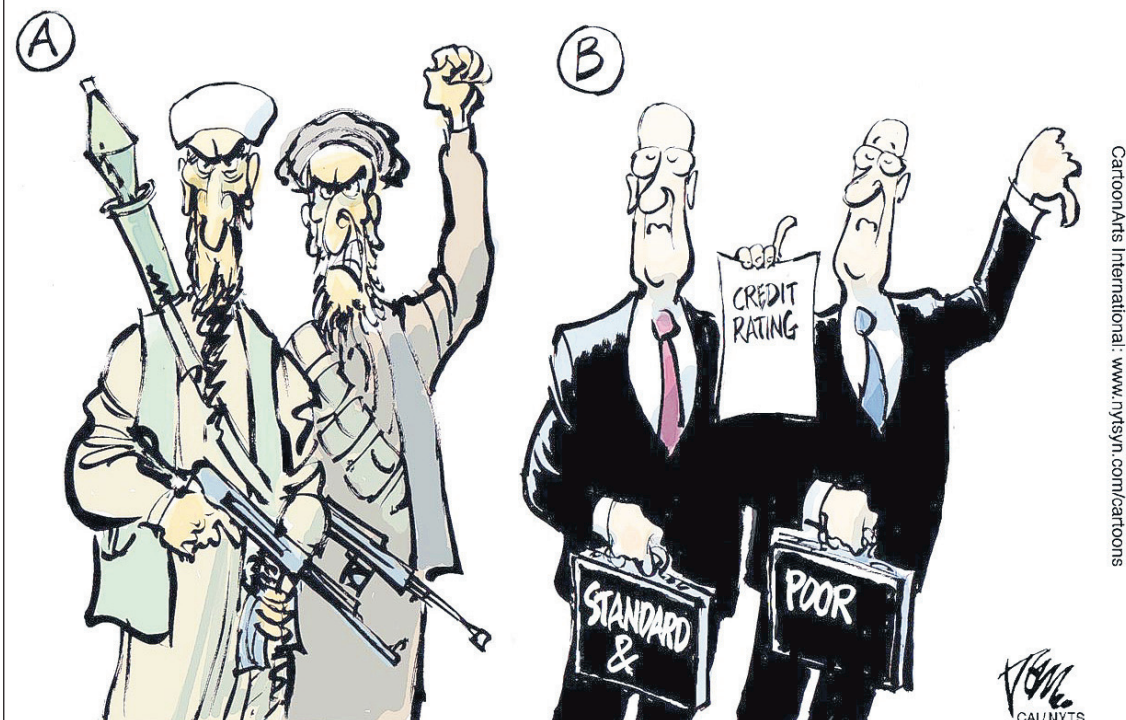
The share of Americans who say they trust government to do the right thing most of the time is scuttling along at historic lows. Approval of Congress and most other institutions has slid. Seventy percent of Americans think the country is on the wrong track, according to a New York Times/CBS poll. Nearly two-thirds believe the nation is in decline, according to a variety of surveys.

Over the past months, we've seen a fascinating phenomenon. The public mood has detached from the economic cycle. In normal times, economic recoveries produce psychological recoveries. At least at the moment, that seems not to be happening.

The U.S. has experienced nine straight months of slow economic growth. The unemployment rate has fallen, and, in March, the U.S. economy added a robust 216,000 jobs. Yet the public mood is darkening, not brightening. The New York Times/CBS poll showed a 13 percentage point increase in the number of Americans who believe things are getting worse. □

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WHAT ABOUT AMERICAN GIRLS SOLD?



By **NICHOLAS D. KRISTOF**

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When we hear about human trafficking in India or Cambodia, our hearts melt. The victim has sometimes been kidnapped and imprisoned, even caged, in a way that conjures our images of slavery. But in the United States we see girls all the time who have been trafficked – and our hearts harden. The problem is that these girls aren't locked in cages. Rather, they're often runaways out on the street wearing short skirts or busting out of low-cut tops, and many Americans perceive them not as trafficking victims but as miscreants who have chosen their way of life. So even when they're 14 years old, we often arrest and prosecute them – even as the trafficker goes free.

In fact, human trafficking is more similar in America and Cambodia than we would like to admit. Teenage girls

on U.S. streets may appear to be selling sex voluntarily, but they're often utterly controlled by violent pimps who take every penny they earn.

From johns to judges, Americans often suffer from a profound misunderstanding of how teenage prostitution actually works – and fail to appreciate that it's one of our country's biggest human rights problems. Fortunately, a terrific new book called "Girls Like Us," by Rachel Lloyd, herself a trafficking survivor, illuminates the complexities of the sex industry.

Lloyd is British and the product of a troubled home. As a teenager, she dropped out of school and ended up working as a stripper and prostitute, controlled by a pimp whom she loved in a very complicated way – even though he beat her.

One of the most vexing questions people have is why teenage girls don't run away more often from pimps who assault them and extract all the money they earn. Lloyd struggles to answer that question about her own past and about the girls she works with today. The answers have to do with lack of self-esteem and lack of alternatives, as well as terror of the pimp and a misplaced love for him.

Jocular references to pimps in popular songs or movies are baffling. They aren't business

partners of teenage girls; they are modern slave drivers. And pimping attracts criminals because it is lucrative and not particularly risky as criminal behavior goes: police arrest the girls, but don't often go after the pimps. (In fairness, pimping is a tough crime to prove, partly because the star witness is often a girl with a string of prostitution arrests who leaves a poor impression on a jury.)

Eventually, Lloyd did escape her pimp after he nearly killed her, but starting over was tough, and she had trouble fitting in. When she showed up at church in a skirt she liked, four women separately came over to her pew with clothing to cover her legs.

"Apparently skirts need to be longer than your jacket," she recalls. "Who knew?"

Then Lloyd came to the United States to begin working with troubled teenage girls – and found her calling. In 1998, at the age of 23, she founded GEMS, short for Girls Educational and Mentoring Services, a program for trafficked girls that has won human rights awards and helped pass a landmark anti-trafficking law in New York State. On the side, Lloyd earned a college degree and then a master's, graduating summa cum laude. Lloyd's story is extraordinarily inspiring, as is the work she is doing. □

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NL Roundup: Halladay shuts down Padres



Philadelphia Phillies' Roy Halladay walks back to the dugout after striking out in the ninth inning as Phillies fans give him a standing ovation during their 3-1 victory over the San Diego Padres in a baseball game

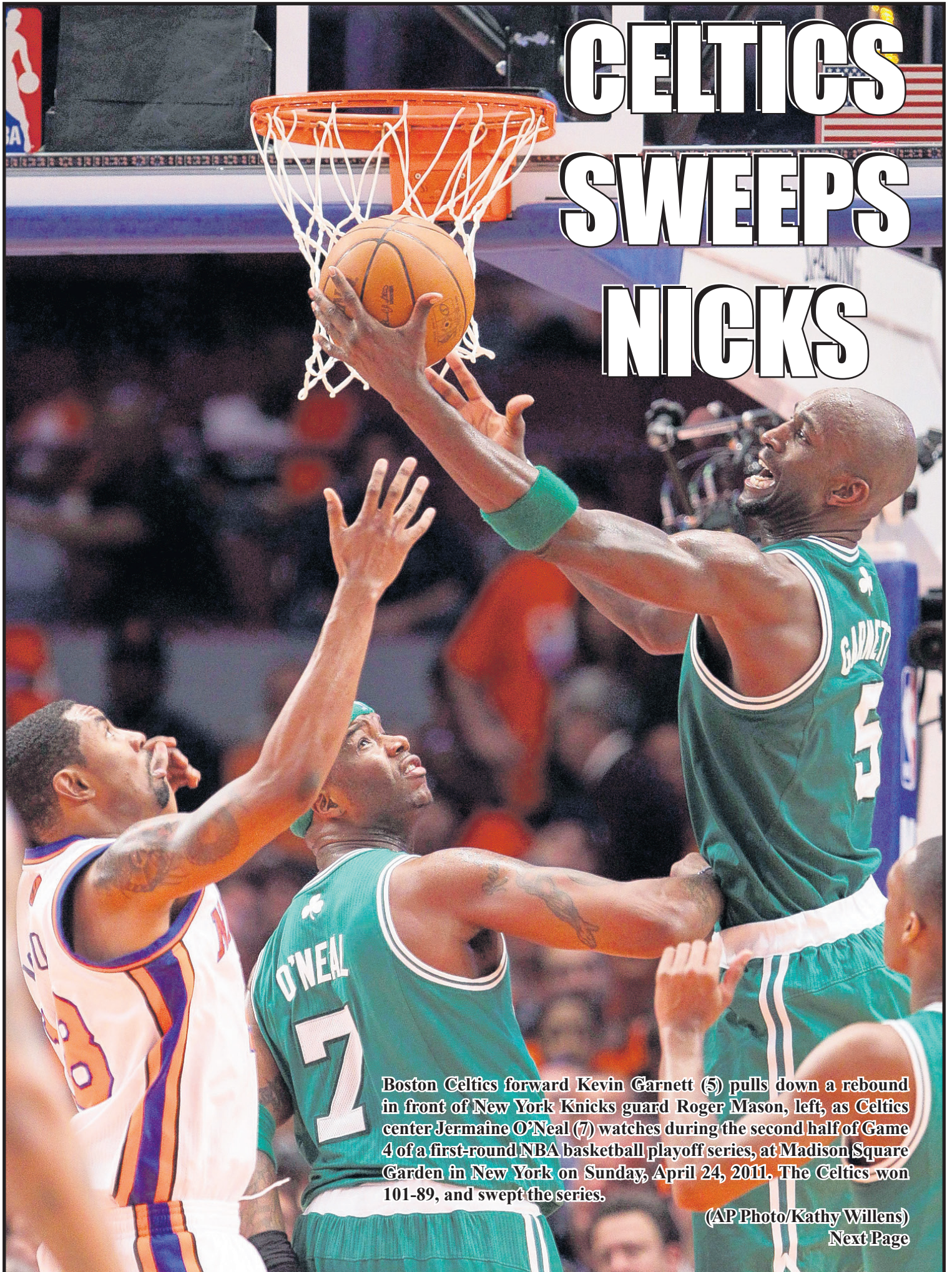
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SAN DIEGO (AP) — Roy Halladay tied his career high with 14 strikeouts as the Philadelphia Phillies beat the San Diego Padres 3-1 on Sunday. Halladay (3-1) took a two-hitter into the ninth before allowing three singles, including Will Venable's RBI base hit with two outs. Antonio Bastardo came on with runners on first and third and got pinch-hitter Nick Hundley to fly out to left on his first pitch, for his first save.

Shane Victorino hit an inside-the-park home run leading off the seventh inning when his drive into the gap in right-center came off Venable's glove as his arm hit the ground while trying to make a diving catch. The ball rolled into center as Victorino rounded the bases and came in with a headfirst slide.

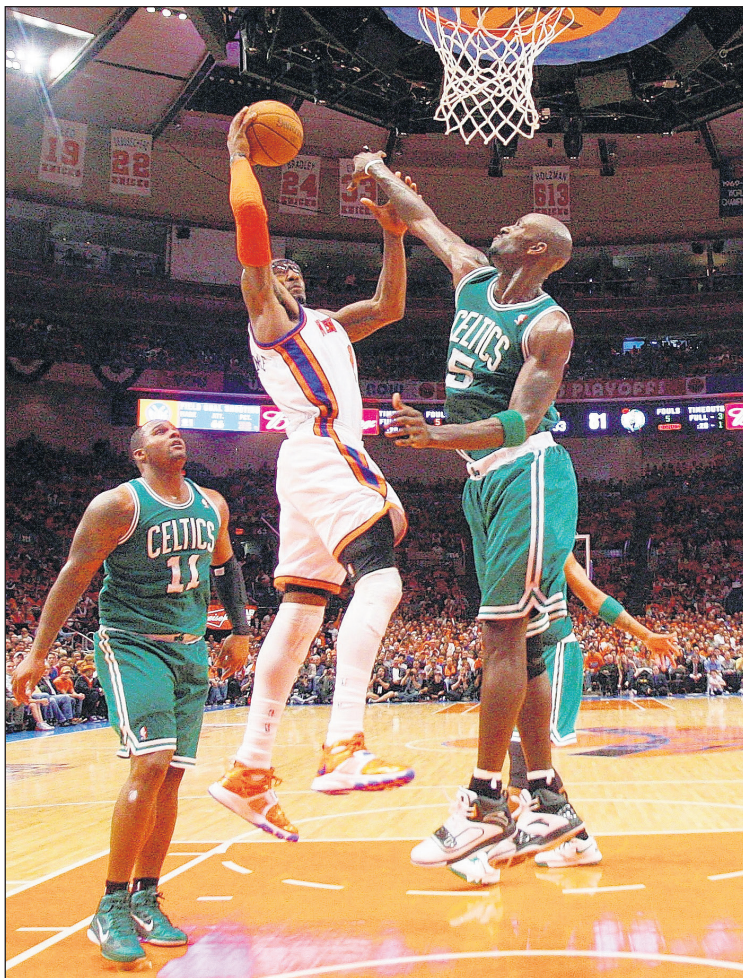
The Phillies have won a season-high five straight. □

CELTICS SWEEPS NICKS



Boston Celtics forward Kevin Garnett (5) pulls down a rebound in front of New York Knicks guard Roger Mason, left, as Celtics center Jermaine O'Neal (7) watches during the second half of Game 4 of a first-round NBA basketball playoff series, at Madison Square Garden in New York on Sunday, April 24, 2011. The Celtics won 101-89, and swept the series.

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Boston Celtics forward Kevin Garnett (5) defends against New York Knicks forward Amare Stoudemire during the second half of Game 4 of a first-round NBA basketball playoff series, at Madison Square Garden in New York.

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Celtics score series sweep over Knicks

NEW YORK (AP) — The Boston Celtics swept their way into the Eastern Conference semifinals, holding on for a 101-89 victory over the New York Knicks on Sunday. Kevin Garnett had 26 points and 10 rebounds, Rajon Rondo added 21 points and 12 assists for the Celtics, the first team into the second round after sweeping a series for the first time since a 3-0 victory over Indiana in 1992.

They had a 23-point lead cut to four in the fourth quarter, but pulled away again behind Garnett, who scored 20 after halftime.

The Celtics could now have a week off while they wait for likely second-round opponent Miami, which was forced to a fifth game earlier Sunday after

a late rally by Philadelphia. Carmelo Anthony had 32 points and nine rebounds for the Knicks, and Amare Stoudemire, who decided to play after his back felt better, finished with 19 points and 12 boards but shot only 5 of 20 from the field.

The Knicks shot 34 percent and were quickly dispatched in their first playoff appearance since 2004, when they were also swept in the first round. They haven't won a playoff game in 10 years.

76ers 86, Heat 82

At Philadelphia, Lou Williams hit a 3-pointer with 8.1 seconds left to lead Philadelphia over Miami and avoid a series sweep. Jrue Holiday made a 3 with 46.6 seconds to get the 76ers to within one point, before Williams shot from the top of the arc gave the home team the lead.

Game 5 is Wednesday in Miami.

Williams and Evan Turner led the Sixers with 17 points each. Andre Iguodala added 16 points and Elton Brand had 15 points and 11 rebounds. LeBron James scored 31 points for the Heat and Dwyane Wade 22.

Hawks 88, Magic 85

At Atlanta, Jamal Crawford scored 25 points and Joe

Johnson hit four big free throws in the final 20 seconds to lead the Hawks to victory and a 3-1 lead over the Magic in their Eastern Conference playoff series.

The Hawks will try to wrap up the best-of-seven series Tuesday night in Orlando.

Atlanta made only 12 of 20 free throws, but Johnson came through when the Magic were forced to foul. Orlando had a last chance to tie it up, but Al Horford knocked the ball away from Hedo Turkoglu as he tried to get loose for a 3-pointer.

Turkoglu got the ball back with only enough time to force one up. It missed badly, and the Hawks celebrated a commanding series lead.

Hornets 93, Lakers 88

At New Orleans, Chris Paul's triple double led the New Orleans Hornets to a 93-88 victory over the Los Angeles Lakers to tie their first-round playoff series at 2-2.

Paul finished with 27 points, 15 assists and 13 rebounds and scored 14 of New Orleans' 24 points in the fourth quarter. The All-Star guard capped his brilliant performance by running down the clock and setting up Jarrett Jack's short jumper, which made it 90-86 with 9.3 seconds left. □

Paralympic 100 Meters Provides Special Moment On Kansas Relays Final Day

LAWRENCE, Kan. — Some of the world's greatest athletes were on hand to participate in the 84th annual Kansas Relays this week. Olympic medalists, world-record holders and others competed in a great setting. There was Bershawn "Batman" Jackson, a 2008 Olympic medalist, winning the 400-meter hurdles for the sixth time. There was Veronica Campbell-Brown, a three-time Olympic champion, claiming the 200 meters. The list went on and on.

However, one special moment occurred Saturday when the paralympic 100-meters was run.

And yes, the people involved were just like many of the other competitors at the Relays. They were some of the best in their sport.

The event featured runners who were leg amputees and drew a standing ovation as they flew down the track Saturday afternoon in between races featuring world-class athletes, top collegians and local high school sprinters. □

Bahrain activists oppose resuming Bahrain GP



MANAMA, Bahrain (AP) — Pro-democracy activists have launched a Facebook campaign calling on Formula One boss Bernie Ecclestone

not to reschedule the Bahrain Grand Prix until the government ends its crackdown on protesters. The Youth of Feb. 14 Revolu-

tion posted an open letter on Facebook over the weekend calling on Ecclestone not to allow the race to go forward "until basic human rights and freedoms are restored."

The Bahrain GP was scheduled to be the F1 season-opener on March 13, but was canceled in February by Bahrain's crown prince after protests paralyzed the country. The F1 season began, instead, at the Australian GP in Melbourne on March 27.

The series' governing body has given Bahrain's federation until May 1 to decide if a new date can be set this year. □

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AL Roundup

Red Sox thrash Angels

ANAHEIM, California (AP) — John Lackey threw eight superb innings, Carl Crawford hit his first home run in a Boston uniform and the Red Sox completed a four-game sweep by beating the Los Angeles Angels 7-0 Sunday.

Lackey (2-2) scattered six hits, struck out six and stranded eight baserunners, becoming the third straight Boston starter to hold the Angels scoreless. The right-hander, who spent his first eight major league seasons with the Angels, is 4-0 with a 2.45 ERA in four starts against them.

Adrian Gonzalez had three hits and two RBIs for the Red Sox.

Matt Palmer (1-1) allowed four runs and six hits in five-plus innings.

Boston has won five in a row. **Rays 2, Blue Jays 0**

At Toronto, James Shields pitched a four-hitter for his second consecutive complete game and Ben Zobrist hit a two-run homer to help Tampa Bay Rays beat the Toronto Blue Jays.

Shields (2-1) struck out seven, walked two and lowered his ERA to 2.35.

The Rays won for the 10th time in 14 games following a 1-8 start.

Shields threw just 95 pitches, wrapping up the game in a brisk 2 hours, 5 minutes.

Ricky Romero (1-3) lost despite striking out 10 in seven innings.

Yankees 6, Orioles 3, 11 innings

At Baltimore, Russell Martin

singled home the tiebreaking run in the 11th inning as the New York Yankees beat the Baltimore Orioles for a two-game sweep.

In a thrilling game, Baltimore rallied from a three-run deficit against Joba Chamberlain and Rivera and both teams had a go-ahead run thrown out at the plate in the late innings.

The Yankees ultimately won on the strength of three infield hits and a couple of Baltimore errors in a wild 11th.

Boone Logan (1-1) got four outs, and Buddy Carlyle retired the final two batters. Jason Berken (0-1) took the loss.

Derek Jeter had four hits for Yankees.

Tigers 3, White Sox 0

At Detroit, Max Scherzer allowed four hits in eight outstanding innings to help the Detroit Tigers complete a three-game sweep of the struggling White Sox.

Scherzer (4-0) struck out seven and walked three, helping Detroit shut out Chicago for a second straight day.

Chicago has lost 10 of 11 and now must head to New York for a four-game series against the Yankees. John Danks (0-3) allowed three runs on nine hits in six innings. He struck out eight and walked two.

Detroit has won nine straight over the White Sox.

Rangers 8, Royals 3

At Arlington, Texas, C.J. Wilson struck out 10 in seven innings, Adrian Beltre hit one of Texas' three home runs and the Rangers com-

pleted a three-game weekend sweep over the Kansas City Royals.

Mike Aviles homered twice for the Royals, including a three-run shot with two outs in the ninth off Brett Tomko. Arthur Rhodes then got the final out for his first save since 2008. The 41-year-old left-hander became the oldest player to get a save for Texas, only a day after 40-year-old Darren Oliver set that mark with regular closer Neftali Feliz on the disabled list.

Mike Napoli and Andres Blanco also homered for the Rangers.

Twins 4, Indians 3

At Minneapolis, Jason Kubel hit a two-run double in the seventh inning that lifted the Minnesota Twins over the Cleveland Indians.

Carl Pavano (2-2) gave up three runs on six hits in sev-



Boston Red Sox starting pitcher John Lackey throws to the plate during the third inning of their Major League Baseball game against the Los Angeles Angels

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en innings. Justin Morneau added two hits and two RBIs for the Twins, who took a pair of rain-shortened games to win their first series of the season.

Matt Capps picked up his fourth save in five tries.

Rafael Perez (2-1) took the loss after giving up an unearned run on the double by **Kubel. Athletics 5, Mariners 2**

At Seattle, Coco Crisp had three hits, scored three runs

and stole a base, and Brett Anderson pitched seven strong innings as the Oakland A's earned a series split with a win over the Seattle Mariners.

Crisp has six hits in his last two games, breaking a streak that saw him bat just .175 over the previous 15 games to help spark a previously dormant Oakland offense.

Anderson (2-1) allowed one earned run and struck out six. □

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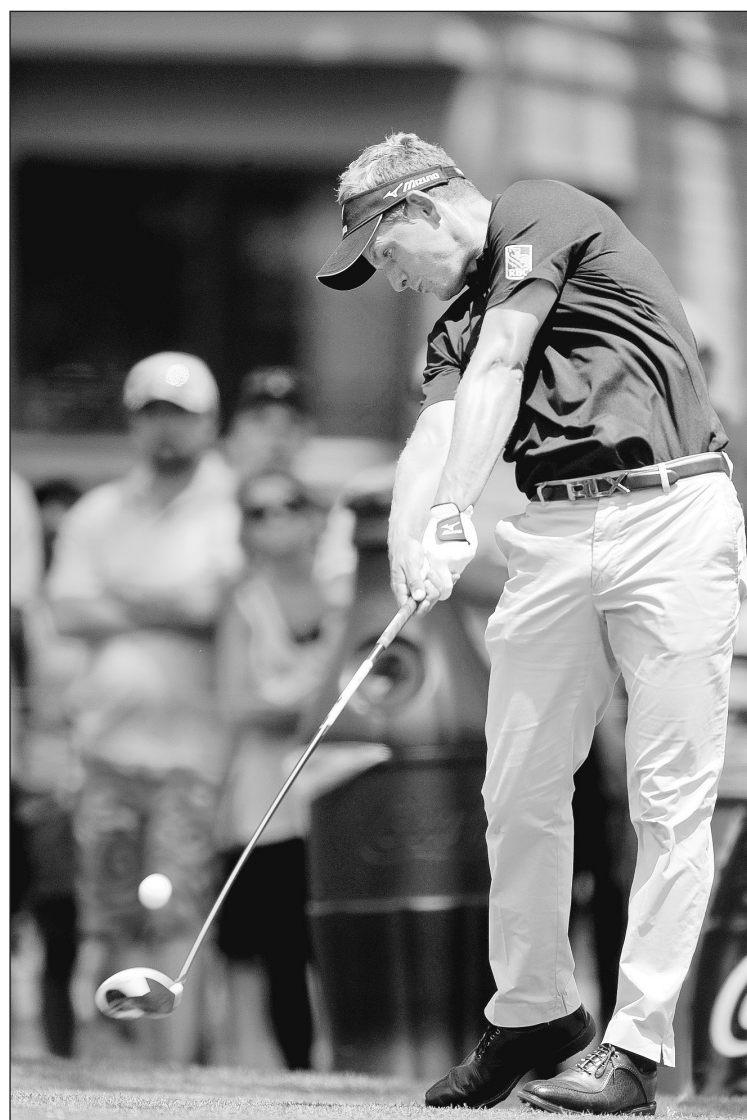
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Snedeker wins Heritage, denies Donald top spot

HILTON HEAD ISLAND, S.C. (AP) — Luke Donald lost this latest chance at No. 1, but he is confident he will get another opportunity. Donald fell in a three-hole playoff at The Heritage after Brandt Snedeker closed with a surprising 7-under 64. The 33-year-old Donald could have jumped up from No. 3, surpassing previously top-ranked Martin Kaymer and fellow Englishman and Ryder Cup partner, Lee Westwood, at No. 2. Instead, Westwood takes over the top spot after winning the Indonesian Masters earlier Sunday. "To be No. 1 would've been great, but it's not everything," Donald said. "It certainly would be a tick in the box and it would be something great to talk to the

grandkids in 30 years time and say that you were the best in the world, but I still have a lot of chances to do that." Donald appeared on his way to the top after back-to-back birdies on the fourth and fifth holes pushed him to 13-under par and alone in front. But bogeys on the seventh and 10th holes dropped him back and he couldn't get back to that level the rest of the round. It took stellar par saves on the 71st and 72nd holes simply to remain tied with Snedeker and force the playoff. The pair matched birdies and pars on the first two extra holes, and Snedeker secured the win with a two-putt par when Donald could not save par one last time from a bun-

ker in front of the closing lighthouse hole, No. 18. Snedeker, who played Donald at college level, has deep respect for the Match Play Championship winner's ability. When it ended, Snedeker counseled Donald to keep his chin up. "I just told him he's going to be No. 1. Sorry it didn't go the right way for him," Snedeker said. "He's that kind of player." Donald couldn't match Snedeker when it counted most at Harbour Town Golf Links. Donald played the first 36 holes in 10 under to take the lead. He closed 70-70, giving Snedeker the opening. Snedeker survived against one of the world's best in a gritty three-hole playoff for his second career PGA Tour win and first since the 2007 Wyndham Championship in Greensboro, North Carolina, during his rookie season. "It's a storybook ending really, to be playing Luke in a playoff, to even have a chance to win was exciting to me," he said. □



Luke Donald tees off on the seventh hole during the final round of The Heritage golf tournament in Hilton Head Island, S.C.
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Top-seeded Youzhny advances at BMW Open



MUNICH (AP) — Top-seeded Mikhail Youzhny began the defense of his BMW Open title Monday with a 7-5, 6-2 victory over German wild

card Matthias Bachinger. Fourth-seeded Marcos Baghdatis defeated Julien Benneteau 7-6 (2), 6-3 and sixth-seeded Sergiy Stakhovsky

also advanced when his opponent Denis Istomin retired while trailing 5-1. Horacio Zeballos defeated Robert Kendrick 6-4, 6-4 in another first-round match. Former No. 2 Tommy Haas was due to make his comeback after 14 months out with various injuries by playing doubles at the tournament. Haas had right-hip surgery in February last year and an operation on his right elbow one month later, one of the many setbacks throughout his career. The 33-year-old German will not play singles and will partner Radek Stepanek in the doubles. □

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Defending champions square series at 3-3

CHICAGO (AP) — Ben Smith scored on a rebound at 15:30 of overtime as the Stanley Cup champion Chicago Blackhawks beat the Vancouver Canucks 4-3 on Sunday night to force a seventh game in the opening-round series.

The Canucks, with the NHL's best record during the regular season, have lost three straight after it appeared they were in control of the series. Game 7 is Tuesday night in Vancouver.

Chicago is attempting to become the fourth team in NHL history to win a seven-game series after falling behind 3-0. Philadelphia did it last year against Boston in the Eastern Conference semifinals.

Smith, a rookie, scored after Niklas Hjalmarsson's shot from the point bounced off goalie Roberto Luongo. Luongo didn't start the game but was called upon in the third period when Cory Schneider had to be helped off the ice when he was injured as he tried to stop Michael Frolik's penalty shot that tied it at 3.

Bryan Bickell and Dave Bolland also added goals for the Blackhawks, and Chicago goalie Corey Crawford made 32 saves, including 12

in overtime when the Canucks appeared ready to win the game and end the series.

Daniel Sedin, Alexandre Burrows and Kevin Bieska scored for the Canucks.

Flyers 5, Sabres 4, OT

At Buffalo, New York, Ville Leino scored 4:43 into overtime to help the Philadelphia Flyers force Game 7 in their first-round series against the Buffalo Sabres.

Danny Briere scored twice and Brian Boucher stopped 24 shots over the final two periods and overtime in a 5-4 victory Sunday in the tightly contested Eastern Conference series.

Game 7 is Tuesday night in Philadelphia. Boucher took over to start the second period after Michael Leighton allowed three goals on the first seven shots he faced. Scott Hartnell had a goal and assist and James van Riemsdyk also scored for the Flyers. Thomas Vanek scored twice for Buffalo, with Rob Niedermayer and Nathan Gerbe also adding goals. □



Chicago Blackhawks right wing Ben Smith (57) and Vancouver Canucks center Cody Hodgson (39) fight for the puck during the third period in Game 6 of an NHL hockey Stanley Cup playoffs first-round series Sunday, April 24, 2011, in Chicago.

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Judge orders end to NFL lockout, appeal expected

ST. PAUL, Minnesota (AP)

— A federal judge has sided with National Football League players and granted their request for a preliminary injunction to lift the lockout by team owners.

U.S. District Judge Susan Richard Nelson issued her ruling late Monday. The ruling gives the players an early victory in their fight with NFL owners over a new collective bargaining agreement in the \$9 billion business.

Owners imposed the lockout after talks broke down on March 11 and the players disbanded their union. The players say the lockout is causing irreparable harm to their careers. A group of players filed the injunction request along with an antitrust lawsuit against the league. □



NFL commissioner Roger Goodell, center, and Green Bay Packers CEO and president Mark Murphy, right, brave snowfall as they arrive at the federal courthouse Wednesday, April 20, 2011 in Minneapolis where the NFL and its locked-out players continue court-ordered mediation. At far left is Jeff Pash, lead negotiator for the NFL.

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A live Brown Recluse Spider crawls in a dish at the Smithsonian Institution National Museum of Natural History in Washington. It's that time of year when the bugs emerge to bug us.

By LAURAN NEERGAARD
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — It's that time of year when the bugs emerge to bug us.

Some can pose real threats Lyme disease from tiny ticks, West Nile virus from mosquitoes, or life-threatening allergic reactions to bee stings. But most bug bites in this country are an itchy nuisance.

How itchy or big the welt depends in part on your own skin, how much of the chemical histamine it harbors. Yes, some people really are

mosquito magnets. And no, most of the bites people blame on spiders aren't from them at all.

In fact, chances are you won't be able to tell the culprit unless you catch it in the act. Yet doctors and entomologists alike field calls asking, "What bit me?"

"People call up really bummed out," says spider expert Jonathan Coddington of the Smithsonian Institution's National Museum of Natural History, who points to just two worrisome types in the U.S., the black widow and brown recluse family. Spider phobia, he says, is "out of all proportion to actual risk."

It's not uncommon to have a large skin reaction to any bite or sting, and Dr. Reid Blackwelder, a family physician from East Tennessee State University, sees a couple of them a week in the early spring and summer.

"Most of the time, what people need is reassurance," he says. □

In clinical trial

New pill for MS shows promise



Dr. Scott S. Zamvil

By Alan Mozes
Associated Press

CALIFORNIA - A new oral medication for the treatment of multiple sclerosis (MS) shows promise in slowing disease progression, limiting brain atrophy and reducing MS relapses, a recently completed two-year clinical trial demonstrates.

The findings concern

the experimental drug laquinimod, and stem from work with over 1,100 MS patients at 139 medical facilities in 24 countries.

The study found that to date, the new drug appears to be both safe and well-tolerated. If the experimental medication is eventually approved for use, it would be only the second oral MS drug available to patients, alongside a number of long-standing injectable options.

"The injectables aren't going to go away," commented Dr. Scott S. Zamvil, a professor of neurology and faculty member in the program in immunology at the University of California. □

Acne antibiotics not linked to drug resistance

PENNSYLVANIA - Long-term use of antibiotics to treat acne doesn't seem to spur bacteria into becoming resistant to the medications, a new study finds.

The finding came as a bit of a surprise, since widespread use of antibiotics has been credited with encouraging antibiotic resistance in bacteria generally. Researchers at the University of Pennsylvania School of Medicine assessed the prevalence of *Staphylococcus aureus* bacteria on 83 patients treated for acne.

Some of the patients were using antibiotics while others were not using the drugs.

"While *S. aureus* colonizes the skin, it can also be responsible for localized cutaneous [skin] infections and life-threatening systemic infections," the study authors wrote in a journal news release.

"At one time, it was sensitive to many antibiotics and antimicrobial agents," they said.

"However, because of its ability to adapt to these therapies and become resistant,



Dr. Doris Day

clinical scenarios now exist in which few therapeutic options remain to treat this organism. Therefore, methicillin-resistant *S. aureus* (MRSA) has become commonplace." The researchers found that 36 of the acne patients were colonized with *S. aureus*. Two of those 36 patients had MRSA; 20 had *S. aureus* solely in their throats; one-quarter had *S. aureus* only in their noses, and seven had it in their noses and throats.

"Long-term use of antibiotics decreased the prevalence of *S. aureus* colonization by nearly

70 percent," the researchers wrote. "A decreased rate of colonization was noted with the use of both oral and topical antibiotics." Surprisingly, "fewer than 10 percent of the isolates of *S. aureus* were resistant to tetracyclines, the most commonly used antibiotic family to treat acne," they continued.

"Resistance to [the antibiotics] erythromycin and clindamycin was mostly prevalent among our isolates and was noted in the patients who did and did not use antibiotics." □

People with epilepsy more prone to brain tumors

People with epileptic seizures are much more likely than others to be diagnosed with a brain tumor, a new study indicates.

The findings suggest that epileptic seizures may indicate the presence of a very early-stage tumor or a tumor that hasn't been detected on brain scans, the researchers noted.

They looked at data on hospital admissions between 1963 and 2005 and subsequent diagnoses of, or deaths from, brain tumors among those patients. The analysis revealed that people who had a first-ever hospital admission for epileptic seizure were nearly 20 times



Woman having a epilepsy attack

more likely to develop a brain tumor than people admitted to the hospital for other reasons. Even when the researchers factored in the possibility that brain tumors might have been

missed or not recorded in the first year after admission for epilepsy, the risk was still 7.5 to nine times higher for patients with epileptic seizures. □



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Netflix 1Q earnings soar on gain of 3.6M customers

By MICHAEL LIEDTKE
 AP Technology Writer

SAN FRANCISCO — Netflix Inc. delivered another rousing performance in the first quarter, with its video subscription service attracting 3.6 million more customers to boost its U.S. audience to roughly the same size as the country's largest cable-TV carrier, Comcast Corp. But the accomplishments announced Monday were overshadowed by a disappointing forecast for the current quarter, a period when Netflix's subscriber growth always slows because people are taking vacations and spending more time outdoors. The cautious outlook rattled some investors already worried that Netflix's earnings will be squeezed as the company faces more competition in the Internet video-streaming market. Netflix's early success in streaming movies and TV shows over high-speed Internet connections has propelled a prosperous stretch that has increased the company's stock price by about eightfold since the end of 2008.

The shares backtracked Monday, retreating \$13.27, or 5.3 percent, to \$238.40 in extending trading after Netflix's first-quarter numbers and outlook came out.

After adding more than 3 million customers for the second-consecutive quarter, Netflix ended March with 23.6 million subscribers in the U.S. and Canada. Of that total, 22.8 million are in the U.S. — the same number of households subscribing to Comcast's cable-TV service

at the end of December. Comcast is scheduled to release its March numbers next week when it reports its first-quarter results.

Netflix, which is based in Los Gatos, is now part of the entertainment menu in about one in every five U.S. households.

"What's really clear is consumers love Netflix streaming," CEO Reed Hastings said in a Monday interview.

Hastings, though, said he doesn't view Netflix as a threat to Comcast. He believes most consumers still consider cable TV to be more indispensable than video streaming.

As a result, he has been trying to position Netflix's video streaming service as an ally that could help Comcast and other cable providers attract and retain more subscribers for their high-speed Internet services.

But some Internet service providers are starting to crack down on heavy users of Netflix's streaming service by threatening to impose surcharges on households whose downloads exceed certain limits. Netflix responded to new limits imposed by Rogers Communications Inc. in Canada by reprogramming its streaming service in that country so it would devour less bandwidth.

Netflix earned \$60.2 million, or \$1.11 per share, during the first quarter. That was up 87 percent from \$32.3 million, or 59 cents per share, at the same time last year.

The results were 4 cents per share above the average estimate among analysts



In this April 22, 2011 photo, the exterior of Netflix headquarters is shown in Los Gatos, Calif. Netflix Inc. reports quarterly financial earnings Monday, April 25, 2011, after the market close.

(AP Photo/Paul Sakuma)

surveyed by FactSet. Revenue rose 46 percent to \$719 million about \$13 million above analyst estimates.

Netflix charges \$8 per month to stream movies and TV shows over high-speed Internet connections. Most customers pay a little more per month so they can also rent DVDs delivered through the mail. The company's average subscription price

stood at nearly \$12 in the first quarter, down from \$12.90 in the previous year, and management expects further declines as more customers stop renting DVDs.

The company is trying to nudge its subscribers to stream video more frequently to help lower its postal expenses. In the process, Netflix hopes to free up more money to buy more compelling material for its streaming library, which is

currently stocked with more than 20,000 titles.

Netflix spent \$192 million on streaming rights in the first quarter, nearly quadrupling the amount spent at the same time last year.

The company's recent success emboldened Netflix to expand its streaming service into Canada last fall. Netflix plans to enter another market outside the U.S. in the second half of this year and then move into another country early next year. As usual, Netflix expects its growth to taper off in the spring and summer.

Management is gearing up for an additional 1.3 million to 2.25 million subscribers in the second quarter an improvement over the 1 million attracted during last year's April-June period.

The company projected earnings of as much as \$1.15 per share for the second quarter, below the average analyst estimate of \$1.19, according to FactSet. □

U.S. surpasses UK in online coverage of Will and Kate

LOS ANGELES — America's romance with royalty is blooming, just four days away from Prince William's marriage to Kate Middleton. The Web sites of traditional media outlets in the United States have taken a front-row seat for Britain's royal wedding, outpacing the online coverage of their U.K. counterparts, Nielsen Co said on Monday.

The royal wedding accounts for 0.20 percent of all news stories on the online versions of U.S. newspapers and magazines, compared to 0.08 percent for U.K. outlets, the

research firm said.

U.S. media have devoted more coverage to the couple than media in the U.K. ever since their engagement was announced in November, when the number of online stories about their romance peaked for all news outlets. Back then, news stories about the nuptials accounted for 0.31 percent of all online news content, compared to 0.19 percent for their U.K. counterparts, Nielsen said.

But that does not tell the whole story, because there are indications the British public remains more interested in

the royal wedding than most Americans.

When Nielsen researchers looked at social media buzz, including blog posts and online message boards, the royal wedding at its peak accounted for 0.47 percent of all posts, compared to only 0.17 percent in the United States.

For media outlets and fans of British royalty, the waiting game is about to come to an end.

William and Kate's wedding will happen on Friday at Westminster Abbey in London. □

Tulane students research stocks for mutual fund



Tulane University finance students, who manage a real life mutual fund, pose for a group photo after attending the Burkenroad investment conference in New Orleans. Left to right are Alexandra Thurber, Dori Brown, Anthony Elia, Arnab Dasgupta, and Tray McCurdy.

By ALAN SAYRE
AP Business Writer

NEW ORLEANS — With all of the ups and downs of the stock markets over the past decade, the average investor might wonder who’s watching over his mutual funds. In the case of the Burkenroad Fund, it’s a group of students at Tulane University’s Freeman School of Business who spend hours combing through the financial reports of companies that a lot of retail investors haven’t heard of and analysts don’t follow — and eventually find many of the stocks the fund buys. The results over a decade of student involvement aren’t anything to sneeze at. According to Burkenroad’s prospectus, the no-load version of the fund, which started Dec. 31, 2001, had returned 11.9 percent since inception through March 31, 2011. The fund, managed by Biloxi, Miss.-based banker Hancock Holding Co., has current assets of about \$70 million. The fund licenses its name from the university, but is managed independently from the school. The Russell 2000 index, a benchmark barometer of small- and mid-cap companies, returned an overall 7.5 percent over the same time. In the recessionary year of 2008, when many 401(k) plans lost much of their

value, the Burkenroad fund suffered a loss of just under 25 percent compared to 33.8 percent for the Russell 2000 index. But both rebounded the following year. And for the three years ending March 31, the Burkenroad fund returned 10.72 percent compared to 8.6 percent for the Russell 2000 index. Peter Ricchiuti, who teaches the stock analysis course, said he picks most of the companies, and students come up with others. He said the Burkenroad fund’s reliance on student reports is unique, although other business schools put their students to the task of researching investments for university endowments. About 200 students over the current school year have been evaluating 40 companies across the South. Considering the region, it’s not surprising that 15 of the companies have some sort of involvement in the petroleum industry. The others include regional banks, as well as insurance, consumer goods, chicken- and egg- processing and retail companies. All of their final analyses — known as Burkenroad Reports — are available to the public. “At the Freeman school, we do our due diligence and take a more long-term look at investing,” said Anthony Elia, a 25-year-old graduate student in finance from Pasadena. □



Inflation jitters interrupt Wall Street rally

Traders work on the floor of the New York Stock Exchange, April 8, 2011.

NEW YORK — In the lightest volume session of the year, U.S. stocks fell on Monday after a lowered outlook from Kimberly-Clark increased concerns about higher commodity costs squeezing profits in coming quarters. About 5.4 billion shares traded on the New York Stock Exchange, the American Stock Exchange and Nasdaq, below the daily average of 7.74 billion. Kimberly-Clark (KMB.N) fell 2.7 percent to \$64.24 after it cut the low end of its full-year outlook because the costs of pulp and other goods rose more than twice as much as it had expected. The threat of rising commodity costs will remain in the spotlight

for one of the busiest weeks of earnings, with 180 S&P 500 companies set to report this week, including other major consumer names like Procter & Gamble (PG.N) and Colgate-squeezing profits in coming quarters. About 5.4 billion shares traded on the New York Stock Exchange, the American Stock Exchange and Nasdaq, below the daily average of 7.74 billion. Kimberly-Clark (KMB.N) fell 2.7 percent to \$64.24 after it cut the low end of its full-year outlook because the costs of pulp and other goods rose more than twice as much as it had expected. The threat of rising commodity costs will remain in the spotlight

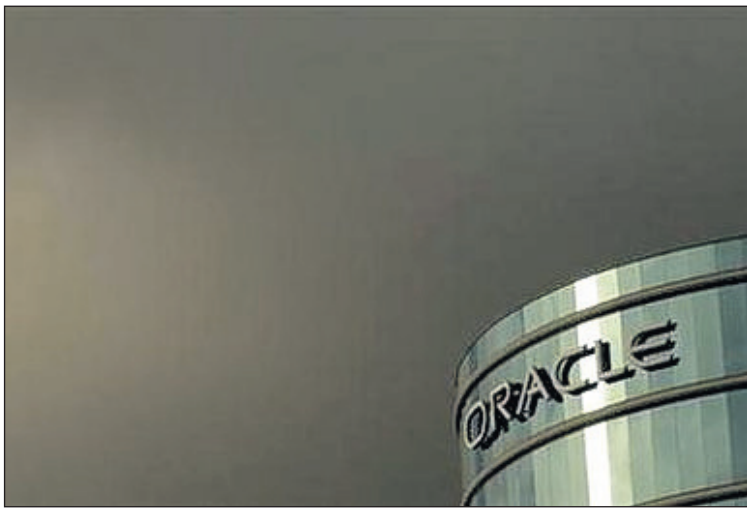
companies highly vulnerable to rising commodity costs because its products contain oil-based materials and paper. The Dow Jones industrial average (.DJI) dropped 26.11 points, or 0.21 percent, to end at 12,479.88. The Standard & Poor’s 500 Index (.SPX) shed 2.13 points, or 0.16 percent, to 1,335.25. But the Nasdaq Composite Index (.IXIC) gained 5.72 points, or 0.20 percent, to close at 2,825.88. Johnson Controls Inc (JCI.N) fell 2.8 percent to \$39.60 after the company, one of the world’s largest auto suppliers, said its fiscal third-quarter results would be hit by a drop in car production following Japan’s massive earthquake last month.

[ID:n25139917] Japan’s earthquake has disrupted the supply of auto parts and forced auto companies to idle plants. Through Monday, 75 percent of the 151 companies in the S&P 500 that have reported results have beaten analysts’ expectations. That is just above the average over the past four quarters but well above the average of 62 percent since 1994, according to Thomson Reuters data. The Nasdaq edged higher, boosted by SanDisk Corp (SNDK.O), up 1.6 percent at \$49.78 after raising its 2011 margin outlook late on Thursday. But energy and materials companies’ shares ranked among the worst performers, with the

PHLX oil service sector index (.OSX) off 0.9 percent and the S&P Materials Index (.GSPM) down 0.7 percent. Oil prices slipped in thin, choppy trade as a sell-off in silver from near record highs lifted the dollar off its lows, prompting a bout of profit taking in crude. The CBOE Volatility Index (.VIX) rose 7.4 percent after falling last week to its lowest level since 2007. **NETFLIX FALLS LATE** After the closing bell, Netflix Inc (NFLX.O) fell 4.5 percent to \$240.44 after the video rental company reported better-than-expected profit and revenue, but issued an outlook for the second quarter that disappointed investors. □

Oracle replaces CFO as Safra Catz gets the job again

BOSTON — Oracle Corp has replaced its chief financial officer less than three years after he joined the company, tapping its president Safra Catz to do the job. The company said on Monday that CFO Jeffrey Epstein resigned, but did not give a reason. Epstein, who joined Oracle in September 2008, could not immediately be reached for comment. Epstein had little visibility with investors. During quarterly earnings conference calls, it was Catz who read the company’s closely monitored profit forecasts and not Epstein. Epstein reported to Catz and not to Chief Executive Larry Ellison. “The CFO role at Oracle is different from the CFO role at other companies. It’s not as



The company logo is shown at the headquarters of Oracle Corporation in Redwood City, California February 2, 2010.

high profile,” said Jefferies & Co analyst Ross MacMillan. The company’s presidents have decision-making authority in many areas that would typically fall under the CFO at a large corporation, MacMillan said.

Catz, who has been a president of Oracle since 2004, concurrently served as chief financial officer from November 2005 to September 2008. Oracle shares fell 1.1 percent to \$34.40 in extended trade. □

Barrick challenges Minmetals with rich Equinox bid

NEW YORK— Barrick Gold Corp (ABX.TO) (ABX.N) has agreed to pay C\$7.3 billion (\$7.68 billion) for Equinox Minerals (EQN.TO) (EQN.AX), pitting the world’s largest gold miner against a unit of China’s top metals trader in a battle for increasingly scarce copper assets. Equinox shares jumped 11.6 percent in Toronto after the announcement on Monday, a signal that investors believe an even higher bid could emerge from China’s Minmetals Resources (1208.HK) as copper prices keep pushing into record territory. Barrick shares shed 6.7



An Equinox copper mine is seen in Lumwana, Zambia, in this aerial view undated handout obtained by Reuters on April 4, 2011.

higher, and I’d be surprised if Barrick played ball with the Chinese at a higher price because Barrick is already getting a lot of flak from its investor base for this deal,” said an Equinox shareholder. He spoke on condition of anonymity because he was not authorized to speak about the deal. Minmetals, whose shares are listed in Hong Kong, is majority-owned by China Minmetals, a state-owned company that is one of the largest metal traders in the world. Barrick will double its position in copper with the acquisition. □

Rl approves tax break for Hasbro expansion

WARWICK, R.I. — Toy maker Hasbro Inc. will receive up to \$1.6 million in state sales tax breaks for its plans to add nearly 300 jobs to its Rhode Island payroll, the state’s Economic Development Corp. announced after its board approved the incentives Monday. They incentives are part of a program designed to encourage companies to relocate or expand in the state.

The expansion will create an estimated 284 professional and administrative positions within three years. Hasbro Chief Operations Officer David Hargreaves said the company has outgrown its existing facilities. The \$24 million expansion is slated for downtown Providence, he said. The new office could be open as early as next year.

“Our facilities in Pawtucket and East Providence are now full,” Hargreaves said. “In order to facilitate continued growth we need a third site.” The state’s incentive program calculates the size of the tax break based on the projected income tax revenue to be generated by new jobs. Only jobs paying salaries higher than the state median wage qualify for the program. □



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In this publicity image released by 20th Century Fox, animated characters, from left, Raphael, voiced by George Lopez, Blu, voiced by Jesse Eisenberg, and Jewel, voiced by Anne Hathaway, are shown in a scene from 'Rio.'

(AP Photo)

'Rio' nests at No. 1 with \$26.3M 2nd weekend

LOS ANGELES – Anne Hathaway and Jesse Eisenberg's animated hit "Rio" remains perched at No. 1 with a \$26.3 million second weekend, coming in just ahead of the \$25.1 million debut for "Tyler Perry's Madea's Big Happy Family."

The top 20 movies at U.S. and Canadian theaters Friday through Sunday, followed by distribution studio, gross, number of theater locations, average receipts per location, total gross and number of weeks in release, as compiled Monday by Hollywood.com are: 1. "Rio," Fox, \$26,323,321, 3,842 locations, \$6,851 average, \$80,806,562, two weeks.

2. "Tyler Perry's Madea's Big Happy Family," Lionsgate, \$25,068,677, 2,288 locations, \$10,957 average, \$25,068,677, one week.

3. "Water For Elephants," Fox, \$16,842,353, 2,817 locations, \$5,979 average, \$16,842,353, one week.

4. "Hop," Universal, \$12,185,905, 3,616 locations, \$3,370 average, \$100,224,905, four weeks.

5. "Scream 4," Weinstein Co., \$7,030,747, 3,314 locations, \$2,122 average, \$31,035,010, two weeks.

6. "African Cats," Disney, \$6,003,200, 1,220 locations, \$4,921 average, \$6,003,200, one week.

7. "Soul Surfer," Sony, \$5,436,868, 2,240 locations, \$2,427 average, \$28,502,151, three weeks.

8. "Hanna," Focus, \$5,276,801, 2,384 locations, \$2,213 average, \$31,717,987, three weeks.

9. "Insidious," Film District, \$5,207,622, 2,130 locations, \$2,445 average, \$44,001,416, four weeks.

10. "Source Code," Summit, \$5,091,347, 2,363 locations, \$2,155 average, \$44,692,591, four weeks.

11. "Arthur," Warner Bros., \$4,066,109, 2,770 locations, \$1,468 average, \$29,216,091, three weeks.

12. "Limitless," Relativity Media, \$2,664,461, 1,363 locations, \$1,955 average, \$74,002,055, six weeks.

13. "The Conspirator," Roadside Attractions, \$2,190,440, 849 locations, \$2,580 average, \$6,893,123, two weeks.

14. "The Lincoln Lawyer," Lionsgate, \$1,789,519, 1,220 locations, \$1,467 average, \$53,381,451, six weeks.

15. "Your Highness," Universal, \$1,706,590, 1,610 locations, \$1,060 average, \$19,764,545, three weeks.

16. "Win Win," Fox Searchlight, \$1,107,961, 388 locations, \$2,856 average, \$6,630,650, six weeks.

17. "Diary of a Wimpy Kid: Rodrick Rules," Fox, \$933,540, 928 locations, \$1,006 average, \$50,290,531, five weeks.

18. "Atlas Shrugged: Part 1," Rocky Mountain Pictures, \$881,034, 465 locations, \$1,895 average, \$3,096,815, two weeks.

19. "Jane Eyre," Focus, \$782,372, 319 locations, \$2,453 average, \$7,913,203, seven weeks.

20. "Born to be Wild," Warner Bros., \$652,739, 208 locations, \$3,138 average, \$3,075,211, three weeks. □

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Injured Broadway 'Spider-Man' actor rejoins show

By MARK KENNEDY
AP Drama

NEW YORK — An actor seriously injured at the Broadway musical "Spider-Man: Turn Off the Dark" returned to work Monday, only four months after he plummeted 35 feet from an onstage platform. "I feel amazing," said Christopher Tierney before reporting for rehearsals at the Foxwoods Theatre.

He said the accident in December didn't give him second-thoughts about rejoining the stunt heavy show: "I'm

ready to put on the harness right now and fly around."

Tierney, 31, suffered a fractured skull, a fractured shoulder blade, four broken ribs and three broken vertebrae on Dec. 20 when he tumbled in front of a shocked preview audience. Taken away from the theater in a stretcher, the actor had to wear a back brace and had eight screws put in his back.

The pins were removed three months early and Tierney said he had been itching to return but had to get doctors to sign

off first. He said he was 85 percent to 90 percent fully fit. "My back healed really well, thank God," he said to a gaggle of reporters outside the stage entrance to the theater. Asked if he was nuts to return after being hurt so badly, Tierney responded with a laugh. "Yeah, slightly," he said. Wearing jeans, sneakers, a hat and a gray jacket, the actor added, "I come back because I love it. I love being on stage. I love my cast." Tierney returns to a different show than the one he left in December. While the actor healed, the \$65 million musical — the most expensive in Broadway history — parted ways with director and co-book writer Julie Taymor, and choreographer Daniel Ezralow, among others. U2's Bono and The

Edge remain as songwriters, though the show's music is also being changed.

Tierney, of Portsmouth, N.H., said he had recently spoken to Taymor and called her a "loyal friend." He said she had reached out to him after hearing he was returning to the show and wanted to make sure he was feeling up to it. The show is currently on hiatus until previews begin again on May 12.

The new creative team — including director Philip William McKinley and playwright Roberto Aguirre-Sacasa, musical consultant Paul Bogaev and sound designer Peter Hylenski — has announced a new opening day of June 14. Taymor is still billed as director and remains a part of the production. □



In this Jan. 7, 2011 file photo, stuntman Christopher Tierney attends a performance of 'Spider-Man: Turn Off the Dark' in New York. Tierney, who was badly hurt on Dec. 20, 2010, when he tumbled from the stage at the Broadway musical 'Spider-Man: Turn Off the Dark' is returning to the production on Monday, April 25, 2011.

(AP Photo/Charles Sykes)

Celeb Chef Fieri to push family meals

By LIEN HOANG
Associated Press

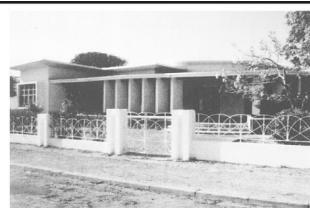
SACRAMENTO, Calif. — Celebrity chef Guy Fieri wants parents to prepare meals with their children every week, even if they don't cook like a Food Network star.

The Northern California restaurant owner and host of several food and reality TV shows dropped by California's Capitol on Monday to promote a resolution urging parents to cook with their children on Sundays.

It follows a resolution Fieri helped draft in 2008 labeling the second Saturday in May "Cook With Your Kid Day."

Fieri, whose shows include "Diners, Drive-ins and Dives," said parents should get children involved in every step of the meal. Doing so, he said, would bring families closer together and encourage healthy eating habits.

The resolution was adopted by the Senate 39-0 and now goes to the state Assembly. □



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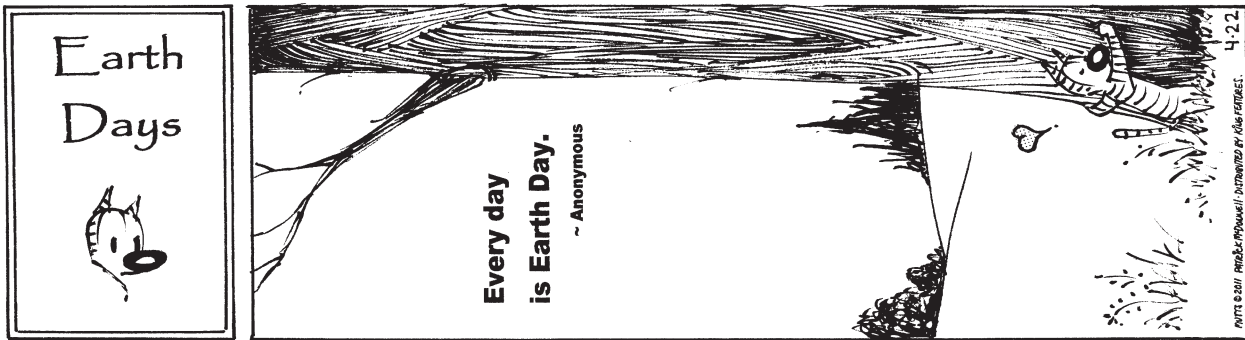


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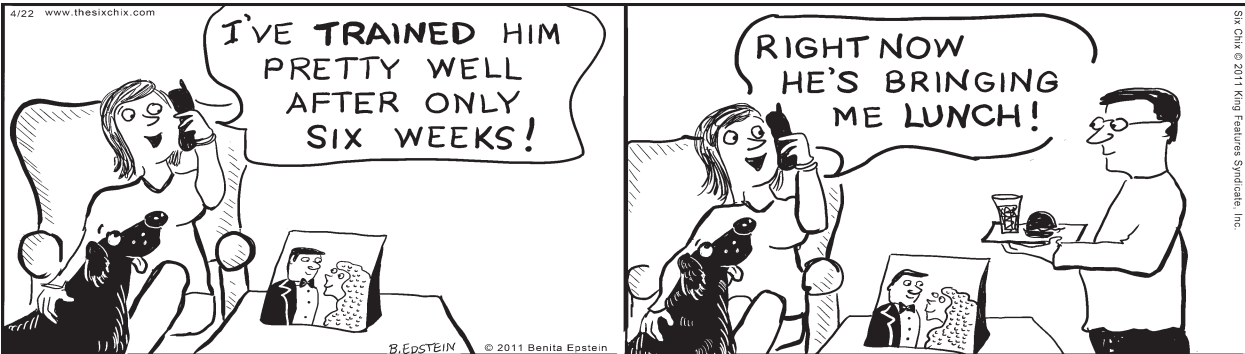
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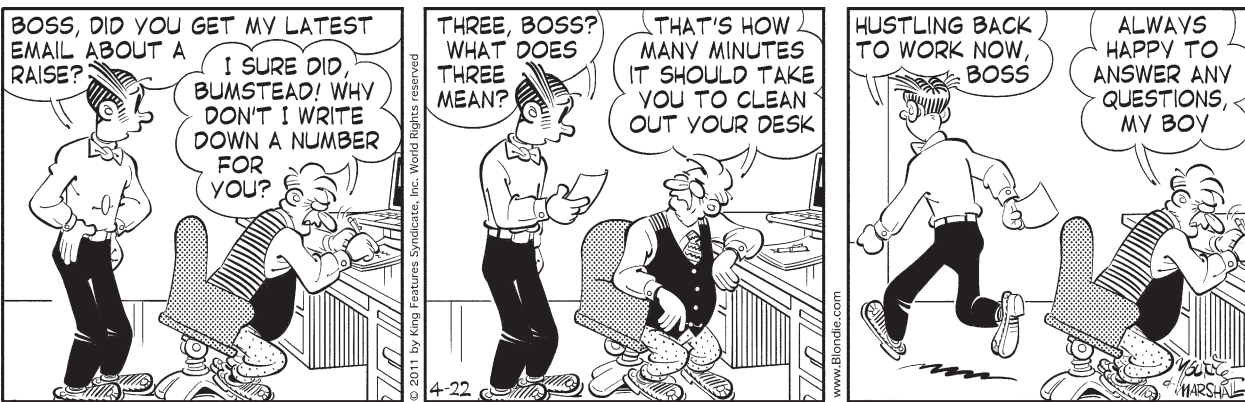
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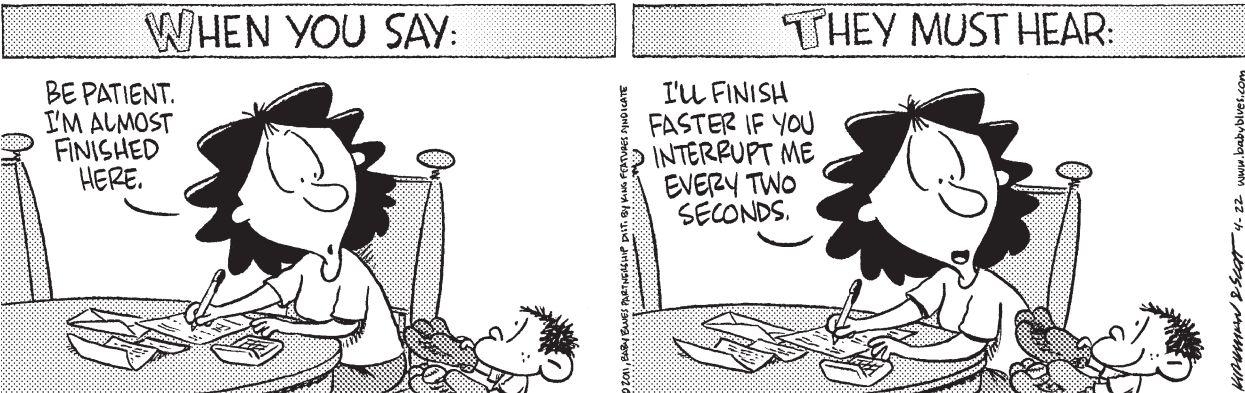
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Conceptis Sudoku

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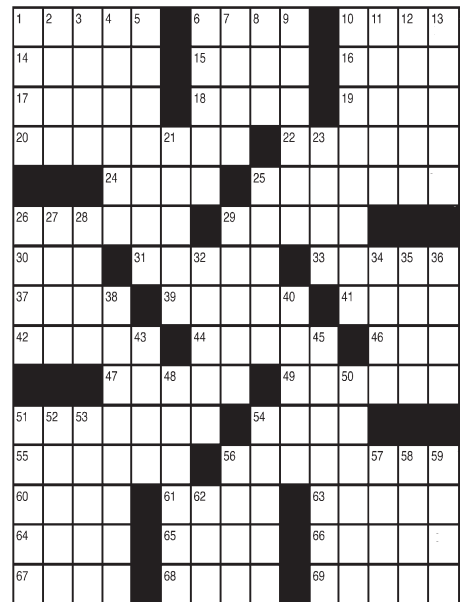
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Sudoku is a number-placing puzzle based on a 9x9 grid with several given numbers. The object is to place the numbers 1 to 9 in the empty squares so that each row, each column and each 3x3 box contains the same number only once. The difficulty level of the Conceptis Sudoku increases from Monday to Sunday.

9	1	5	8	6	2	4	7	3
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8	2	4	6	9	7	5	3	1
5	9	1	2	8	3	7	6	4
7	3	6	1	4	5	9	8	2

ACROSS

- 1 Beginning
- 6 Greenish blue
- 10 Buicks and Chevrolets
- 14 Rent long-term
- 15 City in Texas
- 16 Give off, as fumes
- 17 Waltz or twist
- 18 Thingamajig
- 19 Zero
- 20 Mississippi River boats
- 22 Thickheaded
- 24 Aspirin, for one
- 25 Smiled contemptuously
- 26 Stand up for
- 29 Toothed-leaved birch tree
- 30 Hole-making tool
- 31 Birds that leave Canada in fall
- 33 Is frightened by
- 37 Great Barrier



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DOWN

- 1 Cutlass maker
- 2 Tidy
- 3 Rational
- 4 Get away
- 5 ___ with; full of
- 6 Spin around
- 7 Gobbles up
- 8 Highest spade
- 9 Scotland's Loch ___
- 10 Placed exactly in the middle
- 11 Love in Paris
- 12 Dishwasher cycle
- 13 Spirited horse
- 21 Parent or grandparent
- 23 Red meat
- 25 Slumber
- 26 Move quickly
- 27 Pitcher
- 28 Run away
- 29 Up and about
- 32 Roof edges
- 34 Very dry
- 35 Change the decor

Thursday's Puzzle Solved

T	U	G	E	B	B	E	D	B	I	B	S
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B	A	S	S	S	P	E	A	R	S	P	Y

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- 36 Ugly Duckling, in reality
- 38 Pin or staple
- 40 Family car
- 43 At that time
- 45 Piano student's event
- 48 Wiped away
- 50 ___ the Hun
- 51 Supports
- 52 Make amends
- 53 One and two
- 54 Aesop story
- 56 Actor Harmon
- 57 Scent
- 58 Lender, often
- 59 Brewed drinks
- 62 Greek "T"

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Airports to close in volcano event

By RANDOLPH E. SCHMID
AP Science Writer

WASHINGTON — The disruptive closing of some European airports after last year's volcanic eruption in Iceland was the right thing to do and may have saved lives, a new study concludes.

The hard, sharp particles of volcanic ash blasted high into the air could have caused jet engines to fail and sandblasted airplane windows to the point where it would be impossible to see out, according to a study led by Sigurdur Gislason of the University of Iceland.

"We showed that the airport closures were justified," said co-author Susan Stipp of the University of Copenhagen, Denmark. Their research was being published Tuesday in the Proceedings of the National Academy of Sciences.

The eruptions began April 14, 2010, with an explosive blast at Eyjafjallajökull (ay-yah-FYAH-lah-yer-kuhl) volcano, and ash continued to spew for weeks. The event forced most countries in northern Europe to shut their airspace between April 15-20, grounding more than 100,000 flights and an estimated 10 million travelers worldwide. The shutdown cost airlines more than \$2 billion.

If the ash particles were sucked into jet engines they could have melted onto the whirling blades, causing the engine to fail, the report said. And there was a high risk of scouring the surface of the plane, according to the researchers who conducted tests on samples of the ash. □

Boehner open to repealing oil company tax breaks

By ANDREW TAYLOR
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — House Speaker John Boehner said Monday that Congress should "take a look at" repealing the multibillion-dollar tax subsidies enjoyed by the major oil companies.

The Ohio Republican told "ABC World News" that the government is low on revenues and that oil companies "ought to be paying their fair share." A gallon of gasoline exceeds \$4 in some parts of the country.

"We certainly ought to take a look at it," Boehner said. "We're at a time when the federal government's short on revenues. We need to control spending but we need to have revenues to keep the government moving."

For example, Boehner said

big oil companies don't need the so-called oil depletion allowance, but that taking it away from smaller producers would mean even less domestically produced oil. The allowance allows producers a tax deduction comparable to the break given manufacturers for depreciation of the value of an investment in plants and equipment.

Boehner is the most powerful Republican in Washington and his remarks could signal a significant change of heart. Republicans have blocked attempts by Democrats to curb oil company subsidies.

Boehner did not endorse the idea, however.

"I want to see the facts. I don't want to hear a bunch of political rhetoric," Boehner said. "I want to know what impact this is going to have on job cre-

ation here in America."

Cutting tax breaks for oil companies also could be part of any effort to overhaul the extraordinarily complicated federal tax code. Any tax reform effort would curb tax breaks in exchange for lowering personal and corporate income tax rates.

Boehner also said again that any move this year to increase the federal government's ability to borrow money to meet its obligations must be accompanied by significant cuts in spending.

"I believe it's responsible to increase the debt limit," Boehner said. "It's time to cut up the credit cards. And that means that we've got to have real cuts in spending. And we're not going to be talking about billions here. We're going to be talking about trillions." □

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Some happy states have high suicide rates

By R. E. SCHMID
AP Science Writer

WASHINGTON — Does misery really love company?

An intriguing new study suggests that may be the case. Researchers who study how people's sense of well-being varies from place to place decided to compare their findings with suicide rates.

The surprising result: The happiest places sometimes also have the highest suicide rates.

"Discontented people in a happy place may feel particularly harshly treated by life," suggested Andrew Oswald of the University of Warwick in England.

Or, put another way by co-

author Stephen Wu of Hamilton College in Clinton, N.Y., those surrounded by unhappy people may not feel so bad for themselves.

But Wu urged caution in drawing conclusions, saying: "I don't think that means if you are unhappy you should be around others who are unhappy."

Their study ranked Utah as the No. 1 state for residents' sense of well-being, but it also scored a high No. 9 in suicide rate. By contrast New York State ranked a low 45th in well-being, but an even lower 50th in suicides.

The researchers came up with their rankings from a federal survey of behavioral risk factors and U.S. Census Bureau numbers on suicide rates. □

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Delegaciones de 32 países prepararán en Caracas la cumbre de creación de la CELAC

CARACAS - El canciller venezolano, Nicolás Maduro, recordó ayer a periodistas que la cumbre se efectuará en la capital venezolana los próximos 5 y 6 de julio, fecha que marca el bicentenario de la Declaración de la Independencia de Venezuela.

La creación de la CELAC fue acordada por el Grupo de Río en la cumbre que esta instancia regional celebró en Cancún (México) en febrero de 2010.

El nuevo organismo asumirá el patrimonio del Grupo de Río y su nombre definitivo se definirá a lo largo del proceso de constitución que se completará con la cumbre de

Caracas y en otra reunión prevista en Chile en 2012, según lo acordado en Cancún.

“Tenemos que terminar de consolidar la definición que se hizo en Cancún” y de cara a la cumbre de julio ya se han efectuado reuniones de cancilleres y de ministros del área social, y el 27 y 28 de abril lo harán los ministros de Ambiente y en mayo los de Economía y Finanzas, todas en Caracas, añadió Maduro.

Todas estas reuniones están concebidas, agregó, “para ir tomando los insumos, las propuestas fundamentales que hay en el continente en las áreas energéticas, social, del cambio climático y ambiental

y en el área de la estructura económica, para definir hacia dónde debe avanzar América Latina y el Caribe”.

El canciller venezolano presidió el pasado marzo una reunión adicional de técnicos gubernamentales en asuntos de desarrollo social y erradicación del hambre y la pobreza de los gobiernos de la región, que sirvió de base para la cita de mañana.

La nueva instancia continental excluye expresamente a Estados Unidos y a Canadá y está integrada por Antigua y Barbuda, Argentina, Bahamas, Barbados, Belice, Bolivia, Brasil, Chile, Colombia, Costa Rica, Cuba, Dominica, Ec-



Nicolás Maduro

uador, El Salvador, Granada y Guatemala. También por Guyana, Haití, Jamaica, México, Nicaragua, Panamá, Paraguay, Perú, República Dominicana,

San Cristóbal y Nieves, San Vicente y las Granadinas, Santa Lucía, Surinam, Trinidad y Tobago, Uruguay y Venezuela. □

Humala respetará los TLC firmados pero reclama el derecho a revisar las cláusulas



El candidato presidencial peruano Ollanta Humala

Lima - El candidato presidencial peruano Ollanta Humala, favorito en las elecciones del próximo 5 de junio, prometió “respetar los acuerdos firmados” en los Tratados de Libre Comercio (TLC), pero también reclamó su derecho a revisar ciertas cláusulas “dentro de un marco jurídico” y no de forma unilateral.

Perú tiene actualmente cinco TLC vigentes (con China, Estados Unidos, Canadá, Chile y Singapur) y seis más en proceso de rúbrica, entre ellos la Unión Europea (UE) y Japón, al tiempo que negocia otros tres más, habiéndose convertido esta política en piedra angular del actual gobierno de Alan García.

En una entrevista, Humala

dijo que un eventual gobierno suyo se propone “defender los intereses nacionales”, en particular para proteger al sector agrícola y para ello empleará “todos los mecanismos que nos dan los TLC” para su posible revisión.

“El hecho de revisar y replantear no es patear un tablero, involucra que se sienten ambas partes y se pongan de acuerdo dentro de un marco jurídico preestablecido (...) Cualquier revisión siempre será siempre de a dos, y no de a uno”, matizó.

El candidato nacionalista, que se enfrentará con la legisladora Keiko Fujimori en esa segunda vuelta electoral del 5 de junio, insistió en que los TLC son lesivos para los intereses de la agricultura peruana, sobre todo porque hay países firmantes que subsidian a sus agricultores, lo cual supone un trato desigual para con los agricultores peruanos.

“Perú no subsidia, y además tenemos unos precios muy altos en fertilizantes, carecemos de vías de comunicación adecuadas y no hay un mercado interno consolidado. Compitamos de igual a igual, pero sin subsidios”, dijo, en probable referencia a Estados Unidos y la Unión Europea, a los que no citó.

El candidato también reafirmó

su voluntad de gravar las llamadas “sobreganancias mineras” (cuando los precios de los minerales extraídos son muy superiores a los que había en el momento de realizar una inversión), y recordó que “en otros países como Chile y Australia ya se pagan, así que no hay por qué estar haciendo olas”.

Humala consideró que las empresas privadas “no son beneficencia” y no se puede esperar que redistribuyan esas sobreganancias en las comunidades donde trabajan, por lo que toca al Estado hacerlo mediante una redefinición de esos contratos, siempre contando con las dos partes.

La idea de la redistribución ha sido central en toda la campaña del candidato de Gana Perú, que también hoy defendió el papel del Estado “como promotor del desarrollo y corrector de las imperfecciones del mercado”.

Para Humala, los gobiernos del pasado “han permitido el empequeñecimiento del Estado, tanto que hoy en día cualquier grupo económico lo presiona y hace que las leyes no obedezcan a intereses nacionales, sino de los grupos económicos”.

“El mercado puede crear patrones de consumo, pero no crea una civilización”, reflex-

ionó.

Además, Humala considera que el Estado peruano ha fallado a la hora de integrar a las comunidades en la política, y se comprometió a que, en un futuro gobierno, tomará como vinculantes las opiniones de esas comunidades a la hora de aprobar cualquier proyecto de inversión.

Precisamente, el Gobierno de Alan García se ha negado a considerar vinculante la opinión de las comunidades originarias donde se proyectan inversiones mineras o energéticas, pues considera que el convenio 169 de la Organización Internacional del Trabajo (del que Lima es firmante) no establece ese carácter.

En la práctica, Humala dijo que la gran presa de Inambari (con seis represas, por un valor de 4.847 millones de dólares), que se proyecta en el este y que permitirá abastecer de electricidad a las regiones fronterizas brasileñas, puede ser paralizada si las comunidades de la región no dan su visto bueno.

La presa de Inambari y otros proyectos de gran impacto ambiental han sido muy contestadas en sus regiones respectivas, lo que frecuentemente ha degenerado en graves conflictos sociales y de orden público en los últimos años.

Humala niega que su Partido Nacionalista -al que se suele vincular con los movimientos contestatarios- haya azuzado estos conflictos, y reivindica más bien un papel de “pacificador” y de “canalizador democrático” de las protestas, ya que según él muchos conflictos se han apagado gracias a su intervención.

Ha sido este papel -subraya- el que le ha valido el reconocimiento del pueblo peruano, “un rol que le faltó al resto de partidos políticos”, y que permitió a los nacionalistas ser los más votados (con más de 40 escaños en un Congreso de 130), y a él mismo quedar primero en la primera vuelta electoral.

El candidato presidencial peruano Ollanta Humala insistió en que los TLC son lesivos para los intereses de la agricultura peruana, sobre todo porque hay países firmantes que subsidian a sus agricultores. □



THE Sopranos

PIANO BAR

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OPEN DAILY FROM 5 PM - 2AM

CUBAN SUNDAY

April 24 (Semana Santa)



Mojito \$5
 Cuban Sigers

After 10 PM every hour
 a Free 'Bada Bing' shot

HAPPY HOUR

5 PM - 8 PM

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Artist of the Month



LIVE
ADAM WALTON

Adam, a young dynamic entertainer in his late twenties, is one of the best! Having toured all around the globe as a musician, singer and entertainer Adam has decided to concentrate on his favourite kind of work - Piano bars

Adam loves to play the kind of party music that you like to hear and is constantly updating his repertoire to stay fresh and modern. He has recently had great success at the famous piano bar Frakken and lists this and the famous bar Maxim in Amsterdam as his all time favourite venues. However, Having heard about Sopranos and talked with a few of the artists who have been here Adam took contact directly with us and asked us if we'd let him loose on the Caribbean! So here he is!

DAILY LIVE ENTERTAINMENT FROM 8



Wednesday Ladies Champagne Night

From 8 PM till midnight
 Champagne by the
 glass \$4.00

Bottle service also available

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